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## Increases could imperil businesses

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**B**usinesses on Saipan are bracing themselves for a series of increases that will effectively transform the Commonwealth's business climate from one with a low overhead to one with a high-cost environment.

For one, the filing fee for CW-1 form I -129 of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will increase from \$325 per head to \$460 per head, which will take effect on Dec. 23 later this year. That is an increase of \$135 per foreign worker that a business will petition.

There's also the strong possibility of a minimum wage hike, which will bump the minimum wage to the federal level of \$7.25 an hour. Local politicians have made this a campaign

promise in the run-up to the Nov. 8 elections and Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres has said he will sign this bill as soon as it reaches his desk.

Chow Time owner Anna Liza Guancia feels uneasy about the twin whammies affecting local businesses. Guancia said local businesses could not keep up with the rate the government is pushing for.

"The regular two choice meals plus a cup of rice at Chow Time costs

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### IN FINDING DHS, USCIS PROPERLY REJECTED CUC'S 13 CW-1 RENEWAL PERMITS

## Judge: Gulick's testimony shows no allocation system for CW-1 permits

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has determined from the testimony of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services District 26 Director David G. Gulick that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and USCIS have not set in place an allocation system for CNMI-only transitional workers visa (CW-1) permits.

Manglona said that based on Gulick's testimony, DHS and USCIS only prioritize CW-1 petitions based on the date they actually arrive in

their offices.

While the parties have not fully briefed the issue as to whether an allocation system exists or not, Manglona said that Gulick's testimony leads her to believe that no allocation system is in place.

Rather, Manglona said, CW-1 permits are examined on a first-in, first-out basis without regard to the occupational category the permit may fall under.

Until the allocation issue is fully addressed, the judge said, the court cannot state that DHS has complied with the Consolidated Natural Re-

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## Community celebrates Veterans Day

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Veterans of all ages and backgrounds gathered with friends and families at the American Memorial Park to celebrate Veterans Day last Friday—the

11th day of the 11th month of the year. This year's celebration focused in particular on veterans of the Vietnam War.

The event started at 11am, with the musical assistance of Saipan Pacific Winds concert band and Marianas High School Chorus, the posting of

colors through Saipan Southern High School's JROTC program, and a keynote speech by Brig. Gen. Stephen K. Curda.

Others present at the ceremony were acting governor Victor Hocog and Delegate-elect Gregorio Kilili C. Sa-

blan (Ind-MP). "I am deeply honored to celebrate, remember, and honor the sacrifices of all America's veterans, past and present. The personal sacrifice for the common good, love of country,

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ERWIN ENCINARES

Veterans Day is a day in which veterans are honored. Vietnam War veterans were the focus at the ceremony held at the American Memorial Park last Nov. 11. This is also a day in which children get to meet real-life heroes.

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## 'We must honor veterans everyday'

By JON PEREZ  
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Acting governor Victor B. Hocog joined CNMI officials and other members of the community in last Friday's commemoration of Veterans Day at the American Memorial Park. Vietnam War veterans were among those who were honored in an almost hour-long ceremony.

Hocog, who represented the administration as Gov. Ralph DLG Torres was off-island, said the community should always remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice of choosing to serve the nation. "[Friday] marks the day we come together to honor all our veterans."

"Not only those veterans who survived the war but also those who died, for their ultimate sacrifice in providing

the people of the CNMI and the entire nation to enjoy freedom, liberty, and keeping our safety," said Hocog.

He said he always had goose bumps whenever he has the chance to talk to veterans who survived the horrors of war. "They really deserve our respect. After all they made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom."

"They endured the times of war and I can only imagine the hardships they experienced during actual battle. That's why I always get goose bumps whenever I talk to our veterans and hear their stories," said Hocog. "I wish I had the opportunity to serve but at that time we are all alien and we can't join the military. I was willing to enlist but there was no opportunity because of our status under the trust territory."

He also admires the courage

shown by families of those who enter the military service. "Their families also sacrifice a lot because God knows if the member of their family or relative would return home safely.

Senate vice president Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) said it was a beautiful day to remember the men and women who chose to serve the people especially those who paid the ultimate sacrifice of giving up their lives. "It's a beautiful day to take time in recognizing all the sacrifices and services of our veterans

"Especially those who lost their lives. We must always take the time to think of them. Some have struggled with the effects of war and we must continue to pray for them and families that have lost loved ones in times of service to our country."



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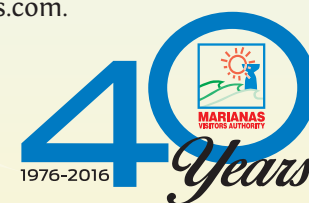
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# OAG wants proper gun registration process

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Attorney General Edward Manibusan said that setting up a gun registration process in the CNMI is one of the amendments they made on House Bill 19-18, the act that would provide for the possession and management of firearms in the Commonwealth. Rep. Glenn L. Maratita (R-Rota) introduced the bill.

Manibusan attended Thursday's House session after learning that HB 19-181 was on the calendar. "We found out this morning that it was on the calendar for action [Thursday]. The House sent this bill to the Senate as SAFE Act II. When the Senate was considering it, the ruling came down from the federal court, so we have to make quick amendments."

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, last March, declared unconstitutional the CNMI's gun control law that prohibits residents from obtaining handguns for self-defense purposes.

"We made the amendments to the bill following the court's ruling while it was at the Senate. The Senate took heed

of our concerns, made the amendments, and sent it back as a substitute bill. Now, the House has the chance to either approve it or disapprove it," said Manibusan.

He said that the CNMI having no registration system was among their concerns. "Our concern right now is we don't have a registration scheme in the CNMI. The part that we are certain that makes this bill right now is how we can properly register the firearms."

"There are a couple of different sections that talk about registration, registering your firearms, and how do we go about doing it. That is the one thing that we don't have, the time and sequence. The longer the wait, it is not a good thing, as the second amendment requires the right to bear arms. If you should have a firearm, you can't wait for a long time to get it."

He added that a quick registration process should be put in place. "We need a registration process that is quick and fairly easy. So that we will know what firearms had been registered, where it is going to, and whom it is going to. Safety measures, so that when we are attacked, we can protect the community. We need a law

put it in place that is fair, easy, and consistent."

The House of Representatives voted 17-0 to pass HB 19-181 in last Thursday's session at the House chamber on Capitol Hill. The House approved the measure after amendments made by the Senate and it is now headed to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres for signing.

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## 'Holiday legal issues' at SHRM meeting

The CNMI Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management will be holding a membership meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's. Everyone invited to attend.

One of the CNMI Chapter's founders, Marcia K. Schultz, and Catherine Cachero, will be speaking on "holiday legal issues." SHRM members are

urged to come out and gain some tips to avoid problems in the upcoming holiday season.

The attendance fee is \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-SHRM members. Register with Penny Jones by e-mail at penny.jones@hyattsaipan.com or contact Penny or Lany by telephone at 323-5867 or 323-5867. Seats are limited, but still available. (SHRM)

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# Church to hold auction for roof repair

To raise funds to repair its roof, the Central Baptist Church in Kannat Tabla will hold an auction at from 9am to 12pm on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016, at Saipan's new auction house and restaurant, Island House, in Garapan.

Central Baptist Church was started in Saipan in 1998. The church is pastored by Rev. Daniel E. Nam and serves the Korean and Chinese speaking community. It is estimated the roof will cost between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

Auction items will include luxury brand items; antiques, including World War II relics; personal collections; and more. Island House is located at the corner of Beach Road and Palm St. in downtown Garapan.

"We hope the community will support our fundraising," said auction co-organizer and church member Kevin Wang Guolong. "Our church has helped many people. Right now, the church is helping



Island House auction house will host a fundraising auction for Central Baptist Church on Nov. 19, 2016. Proceeds of the auction will be used to repair the church roof in Kannat Tabla.

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and training the people about God. We get a good education from the church; members learn to play piano, sing, and do public speaking as if they were college graduates. We can feel the difference in family relationships, because the church teaches us how to be a good husband and a good wife. During the garment factory time, the church helped

many workers. We are asking for the community's support and prayers."

Individuals or businesses wishing to make a donation to the auction or church repairs may contact Mei Wang at 287-9028.

The event is sponsored by Central Baptist Church, Hinemlu Therapy, and Island House. (PR)

## JUDGE

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sources Act to the extent that it has established, administered, and enforced a system to allocate the CW-1 permits authorized.

Manglona discussed the CW-1 allocation system issue in her 33-page order last week that denied a motion for preliminary injunction filed by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to allow its 13 CW-1 workers to continue to work despite their permits' expiration dates.

Manglona also denied the preliminary injunction to prevent DHS Secretary Jeh Charles Johnson and co-defendants from enforcing the published fiscal year 2016 CW-1 cap set by DHS.

Manglona ruled that CUC and its 13 CW-1 workers have not established that they are entitled to a preliminary injunction.

The judge noted that CUC's CW-1 workers have been allowed to continue working pending the resolution of this case.

Manglona concluded that DHS has complied with the CNRA. The judge pointed out that what CUC failed to address in its motion for injunctive relief is the allocation of permits.

Manglona said the CNRA requires that the DHS secretary "establish, administer and enforce a system for allocating and determining the number, terms and conditions of permits."

In the regulation, Manglona said, DHS implicates an allocation system by defining "occupational categories" as "those employment activities

that DHS has determined require alien workers to supplement the resident workforce."

But besides defining and laying out the various occupational categories, Manglona said, DHS has not promulgated any rule or regulation showing how it is allocating the number of CW-1 permits among the various occupational categories for all foreign workers in the CNMI.

This lack of an allocation system was also brought up in the comments on the Interim Final Rule, Manglona said.

DHS responded to the commenters' concerns by stating that the CNRA requires it to establish a permit system based on any "reasonable method" so long as it annually reduced the number of permits to zero at the end of the transition period.

Manglona said DHS' response to the commenters' concerns fails to establish that an allocation system for CW-1 permits was properly established, administered, and enforced.

Manglona said the CW-1 classification is not a license under the Administrative Procedure Act.

As Johnson and co-defendants aptly point out, the description of a "license" cannot apply to a CW-1 application since CW-1 applications do not refer to an activity of a continuing nature.

First, Manglona said, Congress has characterized the CNMI CW-1 program as a "transition program" and mandated the termination of CW-1 status by Dec. 31, 2019.

Second, the judge said, CW-1 status is not renewed as a regular matter of course.

Manglona said because neither Congress nor DHS has ever referred to the CW-1 visas as a "license" nor expressed an intent to treat CW-1 petitions as such, the court rejects plaintiffs' interpretation of section 558(c) as applying to the CNMI-only transitional worker program.

Citing section 558(c), plaintiffs argue that "when the license has made timely and sufficient application for a renewal or a new license in accordance with agency rules, a license with reference to an activity of a continuing nature does not expire until the application has been finally determined by the agency."

Manglona said the 2011 Final Rule and Federal Register Notices are sufficient to determine that a flexible system has been put in place.

Manglona said because Congress has directed DHS to not only annually reduce the number of CW petitions to zero at the end of the transition period, but also to consider specific factors during the establishment, administration, and enforcement of the transition period, a meaningful standard exists and judicial review is warranted.

Manglona said DHS did not seamlessly implement the transitional worker program.

In 2008, the CNMI government filed a lawsuit against the U.S., challenging the legality of certain provisions of the CNRA.

In the midst of litigation, Manglona said, DHS published an interim final rule on the transitional worker program on Oct. 27, 2009, with a 30-day comment period ending on Nov. 27, 2009.

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customers \$5. Everything is getting more expensive, from meat to vegetables, and now the minimum wage and the added USCIS renewal fee for CW-1 workers," said Guancia.

Guancia shared that she hires seven minimum wage workers. The seven workers work 80 hours per payday, collectively costing \$3,660 per month at \$6.55 per hour. The USCIS CW renewal hike and the additional \$150 for each non-immigrant worker employed in CNMI businesses annually costs \$4,270 for seven CW-1 workers at Chow Time.

Without letting go of anyone, Guancia would be paying \$43,920 (\$3,660 paid 12 times) plus the \$4,270 to renew her workers annually, amounting to \$48,190, which is already a challenge in itself for the small business.

If the \$7.25 minimum wage hike were approved, Guancia would be paying a little less than \$53,000 annually.

Right now, Guancia worries about food costing without losing customers.

"How are we going to price everything without substantial losses? If we raise our prices, then our customers would also take a hit and ultimately we could lose the business," she said.

Guancia did think of lessening the servings so as to cut costs as much as possible without having to raise the prices.

"There are customers that are complaining. They just

don't understand. So now I fear for the sustainability of the business," she said.

Guancia also worries about her ability to renew her workers' CW status.

"If all my contract workers get sent home because of the CW cap, I will be forced to get residents to replace them. What else could I do? Salary-wise, residents are more demanding," said Guancia.

Guancia shares that the financial situation of the business has had a psychological toll on her.

"I get depressed, especially when payday comes. Whatever profit I get goes to buying the next day's ingredients, which is continually increasing in price. Rent is also increasing due to everything getting more expensive."

Guancia fears Chow Time might lose their regulars if prices continue to climb because the point of the establishment was to provide affordable yet delicious food, which is proving to be a challenge given all the increases in fees.

### Hotels feel it too

Hotel Association of Northern Mariana Islands chair and Mariana Resort & Spa general manager Gloria Cavanagh said that Mariana Resort has been able to steer clear of CW problems—for the first half of 2017 at least.

"Right now, we were able to get full operational staffing through the end of this calendar year. It is not until the middle to end of the 2017 first quarter that we run into trouble," she said.

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and patriotism demonstrated by our veterans in defense of freedom, time and time again solidifies our nation's place in history as the standard bearer of liberty for the rest of the world," Curda said.

"Ultimately, we are here to acknowledge the obligation and duty left behind by the sacrifices of so many, sacrifices made freely by so many to make the world a safe place for liberty, freedom, and democracy. This is a duty owed not only to ourselves, but also to those who died to gain our freedom, and to generations to come," he added.

Veterans Affairs director Gregorio M. Sablan Jr. extended his gratitude to the members of the public who came out to honor veterans during Saturday's ceremony.

"I would like to thank each and every one of you for taking time off to be here today with us to honor, remember, and give thanks to those who sacrificed so much. To the families who continue to endure the hardship of loved ones being away in defense of our country, our prayers of safe return are with you always," he said.

Rep. Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan) was also excited about last Friday's Veterans Day turnout. "It was a beautiful turnout and we were blessed with a gorgeous day. We come here and give thanks to our veterans who bravely served our country and Common-

nary injunction on the ground that DHS did not have good cause to dispense with the APA's notice-and-comment procedures prior to promulgating the rule.

To provide the government as well as the general public with sufficient opportunity to comment on the proposed transitional worker program,

For HANMI, it is a totally different story.

"We have hotels that are facing high percentages (up to 90 percent) of staffing in the F&B department that will be affected. How are we going to tackle this problem? Please tell me because we are at a loss. The hotel members of HANMI employ less than 1,000 CW-1 employees, and yet because of new investments, especially for construction workers, we face a labor issue that is impossible. We have to send home essential staffing to continue the operations of our only economy, tourism," said Cavanagh.

The increase of USCIS' CW renewal fee is at least a bit acceptable, but Cavanagh still wishes for it to be geared toward training residents rather than it being used as additional funding.

"I believe that by making the filing fees higher, this will hopefully force businesses to utilize alternative visas, such as H visas that were considered too high. However, again, I had wished that the increase were just on the educational fees that come back to the CNMI to help train our people," said Cavanagh.

Cavanagh brought up an interesting point, suggesting that visas be offered depending on profession.

"One major point, however, regarding utilization of other visa avenues, we must enforce using visa categories that specifically cover a job category. If this was forced from the beginning, we would not be in the crisis we are in now," said Cavanagh.

wealth; we are always honored by their presence."

"We just need to remember all the sacrifices they have made for our freedom, something all of us would not be able to comprehend," Propst added.

Veterans who were honored during the ceremony last Friday were Lenard Sablan, Louie Daily, Jess Muna, Dan Matanona, Mike O Kelly, James Sirok, Juan C. Reyes, Luis Camacho, Joseph D. Cruz, Juan Cuellar, Harry Deleon Guerrero, Cal Colavechio, Melton Aoheman, Edgar Tudor, Mariano Farjardo, John Davis, Mac Chagualaf, John Camacho, Herman Taitano, Albert Deleon Guerrero, Benigno O. Sablan, Juan Deleon Guerrero, and Bernard Deleon Guerrero.

USCIS reopened the public comment period for an additional 30 days, ending on Jan. 8, 2010.

DHS duly promulgated its regulations when it published its final rule on Sept. 7, 2011.

A longer version of this story is available at [www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)

## Judge places man on home detention for 2 more months

The federal court has ordered Ryan Taitano Babauta to be detained at home for two more months.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona said last week that Babauta must be restricted to his home at all times except for employment, education, religious services, medical, substance or mental health treatment, or court appearances.

She also required Babauta to perform 20 hours of community service.

The judge handed down the home detention sentence after dismissing without prejudice the U.S. Probation's petition to revoke Babauta's supervised release. This means U.S. Probation may re-file the petition in the future.

According to the minutes of the hearing, the parties have met and U.S. Probation recom-

mended to impose two more months of location monitoring on Babauta and the U.S. government will move to dismiss the petition without any admission from the defendant.

Attorney Michael Dotts, counsel for Babauta, said Babauta's family was present in the courtroom and that they agreed with the possible disposition.

U.S. Probation asked the federal court to revoke Babauta's supervised release after he was arrested last month for domestic violence.

According to probation officer Gregory F. Arriola, Babauta allegedly committed a new criminal offense after he was arrested last Oct. 3 by local police for assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and domestic violence.

Arriola said Babauta allegedly slapped the face of his

sister during an argument over a car at their residence in Kagman II last Oct. 3.

Arriola said according to a police report, the sister stated she lost her vision for a while and almost fell when Babauta slapped her in the face with his right hand.

She also stated that she felt dizzy and unable to hear for a short while.

She alleged that Babauta also tried to hit her with a broomstick, but their mother and his girlfriend stopped him.

On Dec. 29, 2015, Manglona revoked Babauta's supervised release and ordered him to spend six months in prison and six months of home detention for using methamphetamine or "ice" and violating other probation conditions.

Manglona then placed Babauta on 40 months of supervised release.

The court revoked Babauta's probation at least twice in the past for using "ice" and violating other probation conditions.

Babauta was among seven prisoners who staged a 14-hour hostage drama at the Department of Corrections in Susupe in March 2009. At the time, he was serving a prison term for voluntary manslaughter over the killing of a Bangladeshi national in Chalan Kanoa. **(Ferdie dela Torre)**

## Fire hits Gualo Rai house; possible arson eyed

A fire, believed to have been intentionally set off, broke out at a two-story concrete house in Gualo Rai on Friday shortly before midnight.

No one was reported injured in the blaze, according to Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Service spokesman Derek Gersonde.

Gersonde said the cause of the fire was found to be the burning of boxes and clothing, which suggest intentional action.

"Further investigation is warranted," he said.

The house had moderate heat and smoke damage in the kitchen and living room.

Gersonde said that DFEMS received a call on Friday at 11:38pm from the Department

of Public Safety 911 dispatch about a fire south of the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc. office and the former Eucon International School dormitory.

Upon arrival of firefighters from Garapan, a firefighter reported that bystanders had used three fire extinguishers to stamp out the blaze.

Initial investigation showed that the fire was isolated to the second floor of the eastern room of the building.

Gersonde said investigation showed two points of origin of the fire: one at the eastern side of kitchen underneath the cabinet and kitchen counter and the other at the western side of the kitchen near the restroom and bedroom doors. **(Ferdie dela Torre)**

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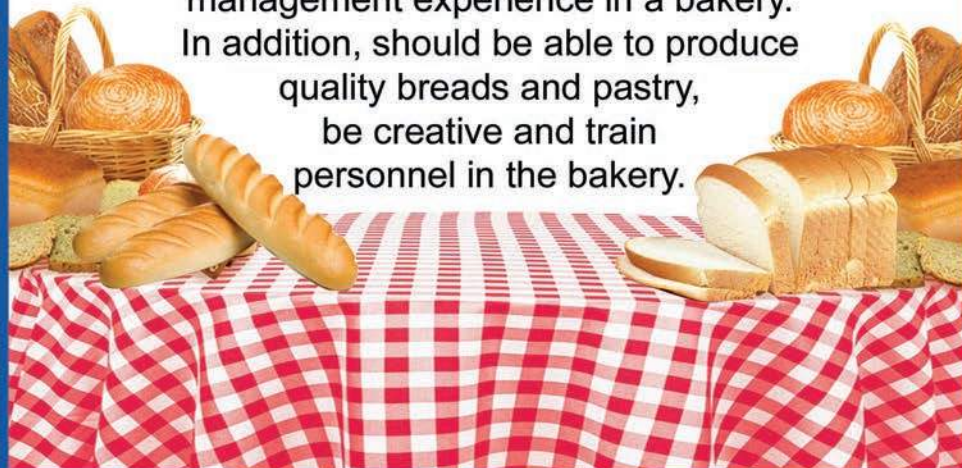
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## MAN ON THE STREET

# What do you think of Trump being the new President?

By MICHAEL T. SANTOS  
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REPORTER

"Honestly, I am not quite sure of what to say about him being elected other than people should not complain too much, at least those who chose not to vote. A lot of people would have to say we did not have much of a choice in the matter and certain other candidates, like Bernie [Sanders], should have stayed at least for the end of the campaign. The



problem was, Bernie did not receive enough support to keep running so that means it's the voters' fault. To not exercise our rights and complain about the outcome is just unfair."

—**Kimberly Hipolito**, Kobleville

"I was actually not for either candidate, both for Hillary and for Trump. However, if I had to choose, I definitely would not have chosen Trump. I mean Hillary's morals are



questionable but I feel like with Trump and how he portrays women and different factors, I don't want him as a president. Even now that he has won, I'm not sure of how to feel about it but I am willing to give him a chance and see how things go."

—**Bradwell Batallones**, Garapan



"I mean it's okay, things just might be like how [the Philippines] Duterte made things in his

homeland anyway. I definitely supported Trump throughout the election."

—**Frances Naraja**, Garapan

"Well it was unexpected. Everyone thought it was going to be Clinton. Things would have gone either way with the two running and nobody really wanted to vote for either of them anyway. Even if Clinton won, I'm sure there would also be a lot of people being upset about the turnout. As for Trump, he said a lot of bad things and I will leave it at that. I mean he did win, hopefully fair and square, and I hope he shows more during his presidency than when he was running."

—**Michael Dilley**, Fina Sisu

"I'm scared about what President Trump plans for immigrant workers, particularly for my *kababayans* [compatriots] which he said came from

a "terrorist" country. Trump's view about Muslims, LGBTs, and gender equality is something that I am concerned about. With his administration, who knows what will happen to the long-term guest workers on island. However, we should give him a chance to prove himself and fulfill his promises and unite the nation again."

—**Rovic Caberos**, Dandan

"We didn't have much of a choice in the beginning. Both running candidates for the office of Presidency seemed to have very questionable principles, ultimately

having the one with the worse set of morals among the two getting elected. I just hope that his term goes by quickly or better yet, get impeached within

the year."

—**Jennifer Quemado**, Garapan

"I don't like him because of the way he speaks. It seems very mean. To me, things would be a lot worse if he was in charge."

—**Daniel Capayes**, Susupe

"I, for one, believe Trump to have very skeptical views on important aspects of society. How women should be seen, what certain religions and ethnicities can tell about a person, and one's sexual orientation are topics the man does not seem to consider significant. However, there definitely were pretty bad presidents in the past and Bush was even re-elected, so maybe he could actually benefit our country."

—**Harvey Calibo**, As Lito



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## Vacancy Announcement

Board of Directors

Northern Marianas Humanities Council

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council (Council) wishes to announce two vacancies on its board of directors.

The Council is a non-profit private corporation affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Council's mission is to "foster awareness, understanding and appreciation of the humanities through support of educational programs that relate the humanities to the indigenous cultures and to the intellectual needs and interests of the people of the Commonwealth."

The Council's board is comprised of thirteen volunteer members who serve three year terms. The Council strives to maintain a board that reflects a broad cross section of our CNMI community. The ideal candidate will have a strong desire to promote the Council's mission, programs, and activities and to actively participate in fundraising activities. Board responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Attending regular Council meetings four times annually;
- Raising funds for Council programs;
- Recruiting community partners;
- Promoting awareness about the Council's mission and its programs in the community;
- Attending Council programs and activities;
- Participating in working committee meetings;
- Evaluating Council programs and activities;
- Reviewing grant applications;
- Providing input about the humanities from various community members, and
- Attending conferences, workshops and other meetings on behalf of the Council.

Applicants are invited to submit their letters of interest and resumes to **Frankie M. Eliptico, Chair, Northern Marianas Humanities Council at Post Office Box 506437 Saipan, MP 96950** or delivered to the Council's office located in the Springs Plaza Building in Gualo Rai, Saipan. All letters of interest and resumes must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, 30 November 2016**. For additional information, please contact the Council's Executive Director, Scott Russell, at telephone 235-4785 or visit the Council's website at [www.northernmarianashumanities.org](http://www.northernmarianashumanities.org).

**DINER MONROE**

# A diner with dual influences

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REPORTER

Fusion cuisine is not for everyone.

Diner Monroe, a restaurant that opened last Nov. 7, recognizes that.

Instead of infusing Japanese cuisine with Filipino influences or vice versa, Diner Monroe opts to offer both cuisines in a buffet, which works surprisingly well.

Located in Chalan Kanoa, Diner Monroe dining supervisor Angel Perez said that the

concept is the brainchild of owner Rika Yamaoka, who idolizes Marilyn Monroe—hence the name.

Perez said the diner targets the Japanese and Filipino markets, in which the latter is more dominant on Saipan. The diner offers a lunch buffet Monday to Saturday starting from 11am to 2pm, and the same buffet later in the evening for dinner from 5pm through 9pm for \$10, with the option to avail of the sukiyaki/shabu shabu buffet for \$20.

Sukiyaki and shabu shabu



are two popular Japanese style hot pots in which diners submerge thinly sliced pieces of meat into a serving of boiling broth. The difference between sukiyaki and shabu shabu vary per region in Japan. Sukiyaki is more of a complete meal compared to shabu shabu.

Being closed on Sundays, Diner Monroe is planning to extend its menu to provide choices for those who wish to

Maki rolls, a Japanese dish derived from "maki," which means to wrap or to roll in nori (seaweed). Fillings vary, from fruits (avocado, mango, etc.), to meat (tuna, salmon, crab, etc), eggs, and more.

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control their food intake. The menu, which will be based on Marilyn Monroe's favorite dishes, is still under development, said Perez.

Kids always get the better end of the deal. Children aged 10 below get a 50-percent discount, meaning that it costs \$5 and \$10 for the lunch/dinner buffet and sukiyaki/shabu shabu buffet respectively.

The seven-staffed Diner Monroe seats 33 customers and has a bar that serves wine and beer.

For more information, contact Diner Monroe through their Facebook page Diner Monroe Saipan or by calling 234-5151.



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# BIG frowns on sexual harassment in workplace

To foster a safe and respectable work environment for its employees, Bridge Investment Group, LLC took the initiative to provide sexual harassment awareness training to its employees on Oct. 7, 2016.

Bridge Investment brought in executive director Masie Tenorio and Kiki Benjamin of the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence to offer this training.

Tenorio and Benjamin delivered important information regarding sexual harassment

in the workplace. This seminar has afforded Bridge Investment employees with an understanding of the impact that sexual harassment has on the workplace and ways to prevent it. Bridge Investment assures that its employees are aware of the expectations for a safe and respectable workplace environment.

Tenorio emphasized that, as a new company, Bridge Investment "has a unique opportunity to create a culture where sexual harassment is not tolerated, reporting is en-



Bridge Investment Group employees attend the Sexual Harassment in the Workplace workshop coordinated by Maisie B. Tenorio of the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

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couraged, and employees feel safe. They reached out to us for training on sexual harassment and that is a great first step! We encourage them to put practices that promote respect and safety into place and look forward to providing support where we can."

Bridge Investment CEO Phillip Thomas Mendiola-Long said, "I will ensure that all of our employees understand what sexual harassment is and send the message to those who encounter or witness it that it will not be tolerated in our company. The first step is to define what sexual harassment is and this class

made that possible. I want to thank [the coalition] for coming over and training our staff. We can all now be clear on

what is acceptable and non-acceptable behavior on the job site. With our team, I am sure Bridge Investment will have a

safe working environment and now everyone understands the concept of sexual harassment." (PR)



## 'CHRISTMAS VILLAGE'

Imperial Pacific International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility representatives start construction on the CNMI's first-ever "Christmas Village Project" in partnership with the First Lady Diann Torres Foundation. The CSR team has also been working with the foundation on the floor plan for the project that will showcase 27 slots or structures that will be built on the grounds of the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

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Imperial Pacific International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility representatives lay the groundwork for the "Christmas Village" on the grounds of the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, a project of the First Lady Diann Torres Foundation that is slated to kick off on Nov. 26.

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## CPA-RFP-003-17

OCTOBER 27, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and other contract provisions, for awarding a lease contract for three (3) lots of real property leases of Authority property on Saipan, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Authority has three (3) vacant property lots available for lease in an area zoned for commercial/industrial.

This RFP is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50, Procurement Rules and Regulations of Title 40 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the "NMIAC"). Title 40, including Chapter 40-50-225, **Request for Proposals**, is applicable to the process followed by the RFP.

Proposal requirements and property details can be picked up at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor – arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport beginning Thursday, October 27, 2016, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Proposals must be received by the authority at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd floor – arrival building, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 5, 2016

### COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

By: **CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO**  
Acting Executive Director



## PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

### Former Tanapag Fuel Farm Above Ground Storage Tank Removal Project

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announces that it will hold a public meeting on the removal of the Former Tanapag Fuel Farm Above Ground Storage Tank (AST) project. The public meeting will provide an overview of the AST removal process.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representatives will be available during the meeting to receive your comments and questions on the removal project.

Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2016  
Meeting Time: 6:00 pm  
Tanapag Middle School Cafeteria  
Tanapag, Saipan, CNMI

You may also submit written comments regarding the project to:

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Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, December 16, 2016. At the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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### EDITORIAL

## Trump must reassure nervous US allies

**P**resident-elect Donald Trump faces a full international inbox.

Awaiting the 45th president are multiple Mid-east crises and concurrent crises in confidence among allies in Europe and East Asia facing daunting foreign policy challenges of their own. Elsewhere, allies India and Pakistan are involved in spiraling skirmishes. There are hot spots such as Venezuela, which risks becoming a failed state, Central America, where high levels of violence increase instability, and oft-forgotten conflicts in the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan and elsewhere.

On top of these international issues is the threat of climate change, which the Pentagon believes will increase instability, if not conflict.

Trump ran against globalism, so it's unlikely he'll ever evolve into an internationalist. Nevertheless, it's essential that his administration work to ensure international stability in order to focus on its domestic agenda. Accordingly, Trump should quickly reassure nervous allies that his self-described "America first" foreign policy does not render decades of defense and diplomatic relationships second.

Facing a revanchist Russia, a politically destabilizing Mediterranean migration crisis and other issues, NATO nations were understandably shaken by the candidate's uncertain trumpet regarding the alliance. Now that the campaign is over, Trump should unequivocally state his belief in and support for NATO. The president-elect, who seems rightly wary of the use of force, must not unintentionally invite it by sending the wrong signals to Russia, which should remain under sanctions for its illegal and immoral annexation of Crimea.

Similarly, Trump should shore up Asian alliances, particularly with South Korea and Japan. Both countries were rattled by Trump's cavalier consideration that they (and other nations) might be encouraged to develop their own nuclear arsenal. Just as uncertain signals could embolden Russia into a military miscalculation, it's critical to continue the "pivot" to Asia that's intended to respond to a rising China. Concurrently, Trump must engage China to more aggressively use its influence with Pyongyang to curb North Korea's nuclear-weapons program.

Other global protocols should be preserved, too. Candidate Trump railed against the Iraq war. As president, he may face unnecessary warfare if he abrogates the multinational nuclear deal with Iran. And Trump, a dealmaker, should also honor existing trade pacts. No one expects him to embrace Obama's proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership or the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership. But exiting the North American Free Trade Agreement or other bilateral pacts could create economic chaos and exacerbate economic dislocation for working-class Americans. Similarly, pulling out of the U.N. climate-change agreement would encourage international backsliding on such a crucial issue.

Trump won on a pledge to make America great again. Doing so requires global leadership, not shirking allies or shrinking away responsibilities. His administration's foreign policy should be crafted accordingly.

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LIBERAL OUTRAGE WHEN DONALD TRUMP, IN THE LAST DEBATE, REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD ACCEPT THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION

LIBERAL OUTRAGE OVER VIOLENT PROTESTERS NOT ACCEPTING THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION

## Your own best doctor

**A**ll too often people take the word of their doctor as gospel. The patients report the symptoms, often get a prescription, and then trot over to PHI or Brabu to get the medicine. They take the medicine and sometimes the symptoms improve; sometimes they don't.

Do these people ever search for a remedy online? Do they ever bother to watch YouTube videos of doctors talking about their condition? Not usually. No, they rely on the doctor to have all of the answers, and this can be a bad mistake.

Sometimes common ailments are caused by a simple vitamin or mineral deficiency. But the doctors are not trained in vitamins and minerals; they mostly know about drugs.

As I reported previously, muscular dystrophy—thought to be incurable—is a result of a simple selenium deficiency. Selenium is a trace mineral your body needs. If you don't have any selenium in your bloodstream, or in the foods you eat, you may develop muscular dystrophy.

Meanwhile, earnest scientists assumed that this terrible disease was caused by some kind of pathogen (a germ, a virus, or bacteria).

Long ago, British sailors developed a terrible disease called scurvy. Nobody knew what caused it, but when the sailors dropped anchor at a Pacific island, the islanders quickly perceived the problem and gave the sailors limes to eat. This not only cured the disease but gave the British sailors the unfortunate nickname of "Limeys."

Limes cured scurvy because they contain vitamin C, and that's what scurvy is: an easily corrected deficiency in vitamin C. Are you getting enough vitamin C? Probably not.

People drink orange juice and think they are getting a daily amount of vitamin C, but they are wrong. Orange juice is mostly orange-flavored water with a lot of sugar. If there is any vitamin C in it, it's a tiny speck—not nearly enough for an active person.

Linus Pawling, the only man to win two Nobel prizes, did exhaustive research on vitamin C. He says that most heart disease is an advanced, unique, form of scurvy, and that most people are totally deficient in this vital nutrient.

Pawling discovered that we humans are one of only two "mammals" whose liver does not make vitamin C. A goat makes 14 grams of vitamin C in its liver every day. But not us. No, we have to get our vitamin C from outside sources.

As a result, Pawling found that the average human being needs about 10 grams of vitamin C every day—a whopping amount. And, if taken in combination with amino acids, L-Lysine and L-Proline, all heart disease could be not only prevented, but reversed.

However, if you look up the RDA of vitamin C (Recommend-

By **RUSS MASON**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

*Russ Mason, M.S., wrote for a medical journal, "Alternative & Complementary Therapies," for eight years. He interviewed dozens of doctors who had much to share about unconventional treatment options. These included Tibetan medicine, Chinese medicine, botanicals, and treating stroke victims with hyperbaric oxygen.*



ed Daily Allowance) you will see that the dosage is 60 milligrams, not 10 thousand. 60 milligrams is the amount you need to prevent scurvy, but it won't help you much beyond that.

And, if you smoke cigarettes, the 60 milligrams is gone by the time you put out your butt.

### Be careful

As you may know, there are different forms of vitamin C.

The pure stuff is called ascorbate, or ascorbic acid. It's the pure, unadulterated vitamin C. But it is also an acid, and can be hard on your stomach.

A safer form is "buffered" vitamin C, in which bioflavonoids have been added to the capsules or powder. The bioflavonoids do two things—they reduce the acidic effects of vitamin C, but they also act as a transport mechanism, so that the vitamin is more readily absorbed by the body.

### Other uses for vitamin C

Before I came to Saipan, I had some pre-cancerous spots on my face. They were small dots. One was over an eyebrow; another was on my forehead. I also had a small cancerous basal cell on the side of my nose. It was blue.

I told my primary care doctor about the spots; he called a dermatologist and made an appointment for me.

Upon seeing the dermatologist, the doctor looked at my spots with a magnifying glass and said yes, he could get rid of them by zapping them with liquid nitrogen. He said it would hurt a little, but that they would go away in a couple of weeks. He was right.

However, when he examined the basal cell, he said the only way to cure it was by surgery. He made an appointment for me—three months down the road. He was busy.

In the meantime, I started doing research—being my own doctor—and found a cure. Not just a treatment but a cure to kill the basal cell totally. It called for a mixture of vitamin C powder (true ascorbic acid, not buffered) mixed with emu oil. You make

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## Trump's territorial policy

In quiet moments, I'd think through policies that may be dealt the CNMI by the 45<sup>th</sup> president of our country. Nothing specific has been said, though Trump wants an inclusive policy and seamless transition to rebuilding and re-establishing what made our country great!

Indeed, I've been inundated with questions to which I have no answers either. Although Obama wasn't on the ballot, the voters' sentiment clearly repudiates his policies that left them destitute and naked of any meaningful representation.

The benefit of a casual connection with Trump remains suspect and not when issues of national substance and importance take center stage.

Kilili is useless in this case, further exacerbated by his reeling to figure out his political identity. He's ignored the 174 major "midnight" regulations Obama plans to release before exiting the WH. But give him an "A" for volunteering as the federal coordinator for SNAP and other freebies.

Against highly charged Republicans on Capital Hill, I doubt it would give an inch on anything immigration. Obama's screwed up amnesty policy took this issue to its burial ground.

Be that as it may, I sense that as the Southeast Asia conflict escalates the more the CNMI comes under federal scrutiny from investments to defense needs. Some fireworks may be lurking on this issue but tread carefully as it rises to national security level, perceptual or otherwise. Defense of our country is embedded in our national constitution and you could find it in the preamble.

Moreover, the firepower of our U.S. Navy is sufficient to eliminate employing live fire anywhere on Tinian and Pagan. DoD could do its share of responsibility without destroying our precious pearls in the archipelago. The military destruction of the backside of Honolulu is sufficient a red flag to tell DoD "not in our backyard." Try LA and Las Vegas, for it would have accomplished the same goal.

**Hokog's fantasy:** While ours was the elusive dollar, Biktot Hokog's elusive dream is the vacuous announcement that he

would win his case on the MV *Luta*.

Sir, did you forget your alleged violation of laws pertaining to the prohibitive Open Government Act and constitutional mandate on appropriation of public funds?

This is followed by a larger lawsuit from a certain Mr. Takahisa Yamamoto claiming alleged "enrichment" by you and other defendants in the disposal of his \$3.4 million.

As recently as last week, the captain and crew of the MV *Luta* filed a lawsuit in federal court for unpaid wages and salaries. How do you win when in every corner a lawsuit is winking, "Over here too, sir?"

I'm assuming that in one or all three cases, appropriate federal agencies would enter the parade ground to pull out the "big fish" from the murky waters of alleged corruption now on the verge of court exposure as the cases move forward, one by one.

The long parade has just been extended and so spectators between Rota, Tinian and Saipan should get more popcorn and drinks, ready to watch the drama unfold before their eyes. The notion of my settling the case is as empty and dead as the MV *Luta* now sitting motionless at the Tanapag Harbor.

Incidentally, who benefited the most from the MV *Luta* mess? I'm sure it isn't the taxpayers or Mr. Yamamoto, captain and crew! Right?

### Chase for the dollar

The political journey of the NMI is an interesting study in itself. In retrospect, it wasn't founded on our desire to be citizens of the most powerful country in the world. We were after the elusive dollar!

Recalled hearing about Guam's dollar-an-hour wage when ours was 16 cents an hour. Heard about \$3 for a case of Coke while ours was rainwater in the family catchment tank. There was never a discussion about citizenship and why we wanted it. None! It was about the dollar and Coke! I'm still searching for that elusive dollar that supposedly one pill cures all familial ills.

**By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Uncle Sam, equipped with powerful foresight and insight, gave us seven years of guaranteed funding for basic infrastructure. Their emplacement would set us up for stronger economic prosperity. We hit the jackpot in the mid-'80s. We succeeded reaching this point in the mid-'80s!

We even told the U.S. Congress in 1993 no more grant funds. Uncle Sam was basically speechless. We had a mouthful of something to boast about though a bit prematurely. Here we are drowning in bankruptcy! Seesuzzzz!

### Pro-colonial dispensation

Treading the ongoing discussion of political status options on Guahan, there's the haunting term "independence" that instantly suggests breaking away from our mother country. It's one of three options on the table.

Independence signifies an expression of love of one's people and island and the yearning of political disposition that hails directly from the people. We know our past but still look ahead for our potential and possibilities for the future as an independent sovereign island entity.

We can't return to our traditional way of life of farming and fishing and not since we've morphed into a money economy after the war. The system in place since isn't designed to aid in our improving the old ways nor does it offer clarity where we're headed. It requires planning from within.

Independence entails a huge responsibility in the mature disposition of sovereign issues such as security, economy, and education; land disposition, relations with friends nearby, etc. Difficult the journey may be, I'm still optimistic that there are great opportunities for meaningful convergence of ideas and insights we could employ to attain the ultimate freedom of political sovereignty.

There's nothing to fear in the search for ultimate control of our destiny. It's the only route to recapturing our dignity as a people. But it takes political maturity to head down this path.

## Trump will need to cut a series of deals

**By RICK PEREZ**

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

The media elite called the presidential election wrong. Trump's race to the bottom was predicated on hatred, racism, incomplete and inaccurate polling, late deciders and the awakening of the uneducated white Americans throughout the nation, especially those living in key political areas such as Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Florida.

In my opinion, the billionaire white guy was able to connect to the masses of low and middle income whites seeking to take back a country that they have felt was slipping away from progress made by non-white population segments. For better and for worse, it has worked.

This election is historic in many ways because Trump is slated to become the first president in American history not to serve in previous government positions or in the military.

This election is historic in that Trump blindsided the media, business and political establishments and elites, who have been calling out a Clinton victory with high levels of confidence.

The sleeping masses of under-educated, blue collar white voters, white men in particular, who turned out in masses to repudiate the Obama presidency and Clinton is shocking.

The irony of this election win may result in some gains for the Chamorros of the Mariana Islands. The Guam and CNMI governors are literally heading Trump's Asian Pacific coalition at the national level. Pudding Metcalfe may find herself being invited to hold a secretariat position of some sorts in a Trump administration. Chamorros may have one real chance to make the "ask" on political, military, environmental, cultural and economic issues that most other population segments may not be afforded because of our location and political colonial status under the American flag.

Since our Chamorro people are basically politically invisible on the national stage, now is the best time for us to prepare to speak up and speak up loudly because Trump is of the mindset that everything boils down to cutting a deal.

Guam voters blew it by not voting into office former Guam governor Felix Camacho as Guam's delegate to the U.S. Congress. Camacho would have been a great surrogate for future policy wins for Guam had he won the congressional race because the House is going red this election and there are signs that House Speaker Ryan is already reaching out to find some common ground with President-elect Trump.

Trump will seek to reset bilateral economic trade relations with China and things may also change materially with Japan on matters of trade and national security.

On matters of the Guam military fortification, Chamorros now have the chance to stand up and support taking more courageous stated positions that span political status change, Chamorro war reparations, environmental and cultural justice and economic justice.

It is possible that Trump may actually help lower tensions in the Asia-Pacific region over time because he may be able to warm up U.S.-Russian relations, which may spill over into U.S. Sino relations. If Trump can warm up with the Russians, it may also spill over to warmer U.S.-Philippine relations.

There is a danger that President-elect Trump may also bring the western Pacific and Asia region toward a hot war depending on how the DPRK responds to Trump's messaging over the next several weeks and years and how Trump responds to DPRK overtures.

Domestically, Trump will continue to have his hands full as he must find pathways to reconcile with women and lower racial tensions between various groups stirred up from his racist and demeaning campaign rhetoric.

At the end of the political day, Trump and Pence can make America an overall better place if they can figure out how to cut a series of deals with Congress. Trump has proven that he has the will to win the presidential election, but now he will have to prove that he is not only a leader, but a leader that will bring about positive change for the nation and its colonial possessions, including Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

## DOCTOR

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a little paste, about ½ tsp, and then coat the basal cell.

Emu oil is one of the few oils whose molecules are so small that they are able to penetrate the surface of the skin. It's the only oil that can do this.

So, by mixing vitamin C powder with emu oil, this mixture carries the ascorbic acid into the cancerous cell, and the acid will kill it, without affecting other healthy tissue.

Within 10 minutes of coating the basal cell with this stuff, I could feel the acid eating the cancer away.

When I returned to the doctor, three months later, my basal cell was gone.

"What happened? What did you do?" asked the astonished doctor.

I told him about my homemade concoction of ascorbic acid and emu oil. Instead of being happy, he was indignant.

"That's not an approved treatment!" he growled.

"I don't care. It worked," I replied, thus denying him the profit of surgery.

The bottom line is this, friends. If you take the time to do some research online, you can find remedies for whatever ails you. Whether it's cancer, diabetes, or a basal cell on your nose, you can find the means to treat, and to maybe to even cure yourself.

It's worth it. If you can read, and are wise, you will never need to see an MD for most common conditions. If you have a problem, look it up and read everything you can find.

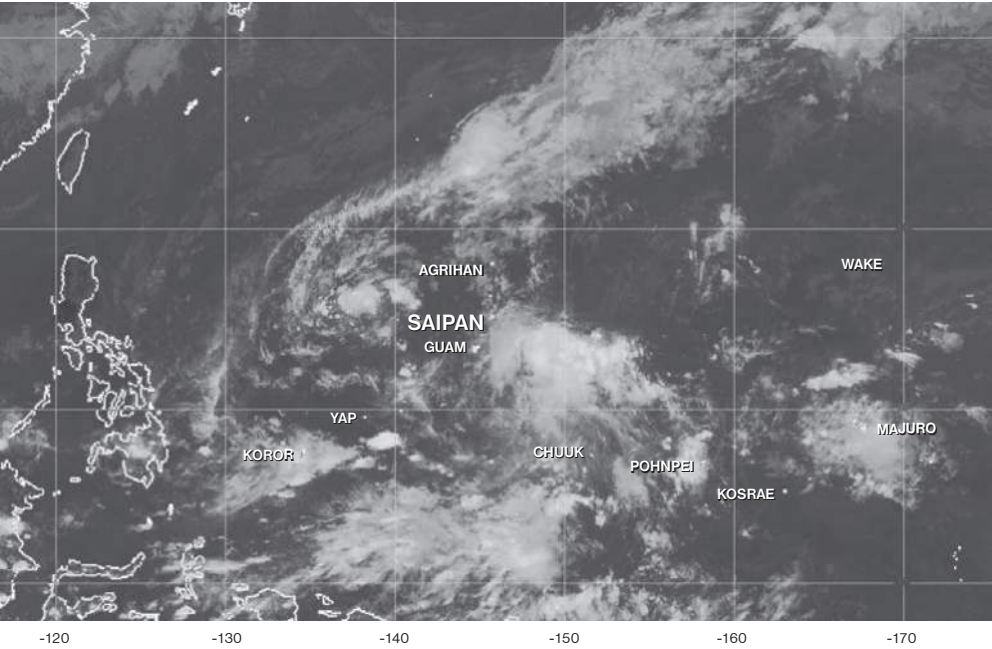
Doctors are wonderful people, but they don't know everything.

# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly sunny. Scattered showers in the morning becoming isolated in the afternoon.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼78°	▲89° ▼78°	▲88° ▼79°	▲87° ▼79°	▲87° ▼79°

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



**PICTURE TIME: 6:12 AM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Andersen Air Force Base Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers moving through the Marianas waters. A group of scattered showers is seen just east of the coastal zones and is slowly moving toward them. The VAD wind profile shows east winds of 10 knots just off the surface, then southeast winds of 15 to 20 knots from there to 6000 feet. Disturbed weather pattern continues, with isolated thunderstorms in the forecast through Tuesday. Moderate winds and seas of 4 feet today will kick up a foot and become fresh tonight as the remains of Tropical Depression 28W pass a little south of Guam waters. After it passes by, winds and seas will diminish to their former levels of today.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA ▼ ▲		
Guam and Rota	Partly sunny	81 / 85 °F
Palau	Mostly cloudy	82 / 88 °F
Yap	Mostly cloudy	80 / 88 °F
Chuuk	Mostly cloudy	80 / 86 °F
Pohnpei	Afternoon clouds	74 / 84 °F
Kosrae	Partly cloudy	81 / 86 °F
Majuro	Afternoon clouds	84 / 87 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE ▼ ▲		
Auckland	Decreasing cloudiness	53 / 68 °F
Beijing	Morning clouds	28 / 52 °F
Hong Kong	Mostly sunny	73 / 81 °F
Honolulu	Partly cloudy	69 / 76 °F
London	Cloudy	41 / 53 °F
Los Angeles	Haze	60 / 84 °F
Manila	Partly cloudy	78 / 91 °F
Melbourne	Morning clouds	52 / 58 °F
Miami	Cloudy	69 / 80 °F
New York	High level clouds	41 / 56 °F
Osaka	Morning clouds	53 / 68 °F
Paris	Light rain	38 / 45 °F
Pusan	Partly cloudy	58 / 65 °F
Rome	Mostly cloudy	46 / 51 °F
Salem	Overcast	52 / 56 °F
San Francisco	Partly sunny	55 / 66 °F
Seoul	Afternoon clouds	43 / 60 °F
Tokyo	Mostly cloudy	53 / 63 °F
Washington, DC	Cloudy	33 / 54 °F

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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		
1:02 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.26 Feet
7:29 AM	HIGH TIDE	2.02 Feet
1:15 PM	LOW TIDE	0.74 Feet
6:47 PM	HIGH TIDE	2.16 Feet

SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Tuesday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Wednesday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:20 AM	5:44 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	5:38 PM	5:34 AM
Tuesday	6:35 PM	6:38 AM
Wednesday	7:34 PM	7:43 AM
Thursday	8:34 PM	8:46 AM
Friday	9:33 PM	9:46 AM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4	UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM	PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
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UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR	UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
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UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM				
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM	UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM				

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DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

# What Donald Trump's victory means for mainstream media

By TIBERIU DIANU

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

After a long night that ended up with a Trump's clear victory, I think it's safe enough to say that, from now on, there are going to be some radical changes in the relationship between the American people and mainstream media.

Here there are the following 15 talking points that should be considered (in a random order):

(1) Mainstream media has always presented itself as the holder of truth. Reality has shown that mainstream media has been engaged for way too long in a war with truth, and MSM has lost this war.

(2) Mainstream media has portrayed Hillary Clinton as a person exonerated from criminal responsibility for her numerous acts of corruption and illegal activities over time. Reality has indicated that she has jeopardized the national security, and has threatened certain individuals, perceived as dangerous or compromising for her own political convenience.

(3) Mainstream media has presented Donald Trump as an isolated exotic character, separated from the world's current major concerns (particularly in Europe, but also in Asia and Africa), such as Islamic terror-

ism, massive immigration (particularly from Muslim countries), and the assault against Christianity. Reality has shown that Trump is, indeed, a true American Mr. Brexit.

(4) Mainstream media has presented populism as a marginal trend in the American society. Reality has proven that the majorities of the electorates of both parties, Republican and Democratic, consist of populist voters, who support anti-establishment candidates (Donald Trump or Bernie Sanders).

(5) Mainstream media has described—narratively and statistically—more than half of the country's population as a "basket of deplorables," in sharp contrast with "the majority of the American people." Reality has shown that the so-called majority—ideologically and racially—consists in a cumulation of several minority groups.

(6) Mainstream media has threatened the "deplorables" with many Hollywood darlings, having to move out the country if the candidate of the "deplorables" were to win. Post-election reality will force those darlings of the Dream Factory City to fulfill their vocal promises (otherwise, they should shut the hell up and just sing or act!).

(7) Mainstream media has presented as a *fait accompli* the idea that winning televised

presidential debates organized by the mainstream media is a solid predictor of winning the presidency. Reality has illustrated that this has become a myth (especially after episodes of Donna Brazile-type, where party operatives, in cahoots with the same MSM, leak information about people's debate questions to certain preferred candidate).

(8) The mainstream media has instilled the idea that political household names—like Kennedy, Clinton or Bush—are invincible *per se*. Reality has shown that non-politicians, like Trump, can take down in just one electoral race two powerful political-dynastic names (Bush and Clinton), which had ruled the country for 16 years in a row.

(9) Mainstream media has

trained the electorate to think that "temperament" is a bad thing and "experience" is a good thing. Reality has proven that "temperament" involves a powerful character, strong values, determination, contempt for political correctness, while "experience" (if it's bad) is useless (and so is "low energy").

(10) Mainstream media has accustomed the American people with a political correct discourse. Reality has proven that new standards need to be adopted: "tell it like it is," "high energy" and "being unpredictable" have become a "must" in order to overcome the voters' boredom and apathy. Benjamin Franklin is credited with the famous quote: "Believe none of what you hear, and only half of what you see."

(11) Mainstream media has constructed a narrative according to which certain constituents (like minorities, union workers) can be regarded as "plantation workers" and certain constituencies (like "the Blue Wall"—Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin) are Democratic holy lands; the reality has shown that nobody and nothing can be taken for granted anymore.

(12) Mainstream media has created the narrative that Hillary Clinton is the inevitable president, who would win by a landslide (predicted with a 90 percent probability), and the Democrats would take the U.S. Senate, too. Reality has shown that Republicans can win the presidency and both houses of the Congress (for the first time since November

1928). However, this does not exempt the Republicans from reforming their own party.

(13) Mainstream media has instilled the idea that America means mainly New York, The Great Lakes, and Hollywood. Reality is that the core of America is exactly in between.

(14) Mainstream media has switched the party traditional colors to red for Conservatives and blue for Democrats (with the late Tim Russert being credited as one of the coiners). Reality is that the original colors (supported ideologically by the British and continental European tradition) used to be blue for Conservatives and red for Democrats. Time has come now for the two colors to go back to their original parties.

(15) Mainstream media has accustomed the elector-

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Representative - Loyalty Club 1  
Supervisor - Loyalty Club 2  
Loyalty Marketing Executive 2

#### HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources Manager 3  
(Staffing / HRIS)  
Human Resources Officer 8  
(Staffing / C&B / Employee Relations / L&D)  
Human Resources Representative 4

#### IT - BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

Database Administrator 2  
Business Solution Support, Gaming Manager, Gaming Solutions 1

#### IT - INFRASTRUCTURE

IT Support - Systems 1  
IT Support - Technical Support 1

#### IT - PROJECT

Technician, Digital Media 2

#### GAMING ANALYSIS

Gaming Data Analyst 2

#### SECURITY

Control Room Operator 8  
Security Officer 20  
Training Supervisor 4  
Life Guard 8

#### FACILITY MANAGEMENT

Duty Engineer 3  
Facilities Engineer 8  
(Builders Work / Electricity / D&D / HVAC / Fire Services / AV & ELV)  
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## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-004

#### Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Station Service Generator Sets at Power Plants 1 and 4

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced contractors, including their local authorized representatives for the Supply, Installation & Commissioning of one (1) each 750 kW Diesel Generating Set at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base and one (1) each 200 kW Diesel Generating Set at CUC Power Plant No. 4, Puerto Rico, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Contractor shall provide and pay for all labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation, temporary construction of every nature, and all other services and facilities necessary to execute, complete and deliver the Diesel Generating Sets and work within the specified time frame.

CUC intends to select one proposer to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's station service power supply requirements at Power Plant No. 1 and 4.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at Power Plant Administration Office in Lower Base, Saipan on **October 27, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to Power Plant No. 1 and 4 facilities will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal, though it is not a mandatory requirement.

Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID.

**One (1) original and Five (6) hard copies and 1 Compact Disc (CD) of the entire submission in PDF format** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-17-004 – Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Station Service Generator Sets at Power plants 1 and 4"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on November 18, 2016**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 31, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address - [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address - [Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org) and Venugopal Prabhakara, Power Generation APCM/PM via email address - [venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org](mailto:venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org).

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GARY P. CAMACHO  
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN  
Purchasing Officer



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-011

#### SUPPLY OF FUEL FOR LIGHT VEHICLE AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified vendors for the supply of fuel for light vehicles and heavy equipment for CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-work will be emailed to all registered prospective proposers email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

**One (1) original and four (4) hard copies**, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-17-011 –Supply of Fuel for Light Vehicle and Heavy Equipment"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **December 5, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

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## TRUMP

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ate with the toxic idea that a Trump presidency will be the "hell on earth." Reality will show liberals that they should not moan and weep because their country has not been lost,

but rather saved. And it will be greater again and more prosperous than ever!

In conclusion, and as a consequence of all of the above, mainstream media has lost irremediably the right to be called "mainstream." Reality imposes the fact that, from

now on, it should be called simply: *medium*.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Idiocracy

It was kind of disappointing waking up this morning. Seeing the election results was not too surprising, it's like a high school popularity contest. Who can get their name out the biggest and who can shout the loudest, who can get the most people out to wave at passing cars (the equivalent of "look who I got to support me"). You can't buy alcohol on Election Day (antiquated law) but you can buy breakfast lunch and dinner for people to try and get their votes or give \$20 gas vouchers. Which is borderline illegal.

That wasn't really the disappointing part. The BOE positions were the disappointing part. For Saipan, there were two seats and four candidates. Two of the candidates were incumbents and two were newbies. The two incumbents (little to no educational experience) did not advertise their philosophy of education, talk about a platform or their educational background or experience. The two newbies (both experienced educators) did both of those things. The two newbies also have an extensive background in education. Both have been teachers, principals and have worked in the education field for a number

of years. Both of them did not get voted in. Instead, the people of the CNMI voted in a name, a family member—a symbol of nepotism. For the last four years the BOE is comprised of three people from one family and two others. And so it will continue.

The BOE is about to hire a new COE. There are three candidates for the job, there were six (one from off island) but only three got interviews. The three who got interviews were all PSS employees. So much for diversity or real world experience. Which means the education system will get someone who only knows a dysfunctional system. Of the three there is a logical choice, a political choice and door No. 3.

The logical choice being the person they have relied on for the last three years to run the show when the COE was off island, which was an awful lot. The political choice is not really qualified for the job but has the right family name/connections. And then there is door No. 3.

Only one of these choices *could* lead the system in the right direction, back to the 3 Rs. It seems as though the school system has lost a little bit of focus in the last three or so years. The focus used to be about teaching the students the 3 Rs, life skills, communica-

tion skills etc. But now the focus is on test scores and making sure the teachers are using methods that are the latest craze. Too much data collection and not enough teaching. For example, in high school, the students lose about three to five weeks to various different tests that really are not about student learning but more about how the system is doing at the student's expense (Some kids are good at passing tests, some aren't!). That is almost 15 percent of the school year not learning!

Another example is the social promotion. In elementary schools here, students can move from one grade to the next without mastering the steps necessary to succeed. If you can't read, you can't write! This only sets them up for failure in the future. Not only academically but socially as well. It builds low self-esteem as kids get older.

That is why this decision that the board is about to make needs to be about education.

The board has the power to steer education in the CNMI in a positive direction. From the results of the BOE election, it will most likely be the political choice!

**Pete Jambora**

*As Matuis, Saipan*

## A game the CNMI can win!

The headlines in many states are saying in some way that "this election was a tipping point for marijuana legalization" but that does not apply to the CNMI. Our tourist competitors for medical and cannabis tourism in this region (Guam and Hawaii) have both legalized medical marijuana and are looking at recreational now but the CNMI has yet prioritize legalization. California, Maine, Nevada, and Massachusetts all legalized recreational marijuana in this election. Medical marijuana was also approved in North Dakota, Montana, Arkansas, and Florida. Arizona, where medical use is legal, was the only state to reject recreational use and there are still more state legislatures who are wrestling with the issue of legalization. California's and Nevada's move to recreational legalization is also being described as a "game changer" as the popularity of these cities and their thriving tourist industries will pose a threat to Colorado's Denver dominance in the industry. The competition for

the cannabis tourism market just got stiffer with California and Nevada being included on the list of full legalization destinations. Do we really want to wait until Guam and Hawaii beat us to the finish line?

With all these states being added to the list of legalization zones in America there will be a growing concern and pressure on the federal government to relax and even change federal laws governing marijuana. President-elect Trump has already stated he believes it is a "state issue" and should be left up to the states to decide. There is also the fact that the federal government is now accepting and even demanding tax money from the marijuana industry businesses in legalization states, which poses another problem when other federally insured institutions (banks) are forced to reject money coming from the marijuana industry. The feds will have to fix this dichotomy and I'm sure they are not going to turn down new revenues in Congress. Besides, the CNMI has the advantage of not participating in the federal

tax system for businesses and thank goodness our governor is already on very good terms with the President-elect! For sure, the "game is changing" right before our eyes and I just wonder if the CNMI is going to just stand idle and watch prosperity go to Guam, Hawaii and the rest of America or are we going to get in the game and at least try to be a winner in our region?

But I also know one of the challenges to the CNMI's push for legalization is me, being an "outsider" who is virtually one of the most knowledgeable and for sure the most outspoken person in the CNMI on legalization. However, I am very optimistic the governor will do something to change the politics of the past and include all citizens regardless of their political connection, which is something even President-elect Trump is learning to do and even owning up to before he gets in office because it's ultimately about what is in the best interest of all the people.

**Ambrose M Bennett**

*Kagman, Saipan*

# Pacific police officers discuss challenges in child abuse cases

**NADI, Fiji**—Police officers from around the Pacific attending a training workshop on gender, violence against women and laws against gender-based violence have talked of some of the challenges of dealing with child abuse cases.

Many of these challenges had to do with lack of resources and training, as well specific legislation to deal with such cases.

One officer spoke of the challenges when it came to interviewing vulnerable witnesses, especially children in sexual assault and rape cases. Children often found it hard to open up about the attack because they feared the perpetrator or not being believed.

Interviewing child survivors of violence required time and sensitivity. Even officers in sexual offenses units would struggle to get a child survivor to open up. Discussions focused on not causing more trauma by forcing information out of child survivors. Instead some police officers refer cases to specialist organizations or counselors to help extract details of an attack.

While many challenges remain to eliminate violence against women and girls in the Pacific, the passing of leg-

islation against gender-based violence in several Pacific countries, has helped police officers respond better.

In the Solomon Islands, for example, under the Family Protection Act which came into force in April this year, officers have the power to issue police safety notices in urgent cases or when it is not practicable to get a protection order from the court.

These police safety notices can apply for up to 21 days and protects a vulnerable person from being subjected to violence in the home.

In Samoa, police can prepare applications for protection orders although the responsibility for applying these orders has been moved to an organization dealing with violence against women.

In Fiji and Tonga some police officers have used mechanism in the law to apply by telephone for an interim domestic violence restraining order.

Officers also described the emotional impact of dealing with child sexual abuses cases. They shared similar stories about cases where the father was the perpetrator who showed little remorse about the immense damage done to

young lives. In one case, the perpetrator said since the girl was his daughter he did not want any other person to “use her”, while in another country the father was reported to have said he owned his daughter because he had brought her into this world.

Another issue raised was the adoption of vulnerable children who were taken overseas. In one case, one of these girls was adopted as a five-year-old and taken to the United States where she was sexually abused before being returned to her country of birth.

Police officers said they felt helpless at times, even when they knew the risks and dangers for certain children, but were constrained by lack of empowering laws, processes or institutions.

One participant said it was frustrating to have perpetrators released by a court after they had arrested them on bench warrants after they had earlier failed to answer bail.

The two-week-long workshop held at Hexagon Hotel in Nadi is funded by the Australian Federal Police and facilitated by the Fiji Women’s Crisis Center. It ends this Friday, Nov. 18. **(PR)**

## Kia’aina talks health care coverage with FAS, Marshall, Palau citizens in Hawaii, mainland

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia’aina held an outreach meeting yesterday with government representatives from the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and community leaders from across the U.S. mainland to discuss health care coverage options and encourage citizens of the Freely Associated States who live in the 50 U.S. states to enroll in health insurance plans available under the Affordable Care Act.

Yesterday’s meeting, which addressed current law under the ACA and additional health care coverage options including Medicare and community health centers, was focused on FAS communities on the U.S. mainland where greater outreach and educational awareness is needed. The U.S. territories are exempt from providing ACA-qualified health

## Water outage in some Saipan areas

Residents of Sadog Tasi, Lower Navy Hill, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., and western and southern Garapan are currently experiencing a temporary water service outage due to a leak on a 12-inch transmission main.

Water operations personnel are currently addressing the issue. Repairs and refill of the tank are anticipated to be completed this evening at 6pm and customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of water services soon thereafter. **(CUC)**

plans and Hawaii’s state officials and community leaders have been actively engaged in their own outreach efforts.

Citizens of the FSM, RMI and Palau are legal nonimmigrants under the Compacts of Free Association with the United States, and are eligible to obtain insurance coverage under the ACA. Kia’aina encouraged these FAS citizens living in the U.S. to enroll for 2017 to ensure health care coverage and access to basic health services.

“While the Compacts of Free Association allow for Micronesians, Marshallese and Palauans entry into the United States as legal nonimmigrants for an indefinite period of time, FAS citizens were stripped of eligibility for federal public benefits under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, otherwise known as the Welfare Reform Act,” said Kia’aina. “How-

ever, the ACA does provides FAS citizens the opportunity to obtain health care coverage in the absence of public health assistance programs. Health care access is critical to improving quality of life for these communities living in the United States.”

In a recent U.S. Census Bureau estimate of 2010-2014 data, there are approximately 41,380 citizens from the FSM, RMI and Palau living in the 50 states, a number which does not include U.S. citizens from the FAS. The five states with the highest number of FAS citizens are Hawaii (17,205), Arkansas (3,625), Washington (3,430), Oregon (2,580), and Texas (2,090). Another 19,830 FAS nationals are estimated to be living in the U.S. territories of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, according to a Census enumeration derived from the 2010 Census.

“The recent estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau for FAS citizens living in the 50 states will be helpful to policy makers in federal agencies and the U.S. Congress who may be considering proposals and cost estimates to reinstate federal public benefits to these communities to alleviate financial costs on impacted jurisdictions,” said Kia’aina. **(PR)**



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



## INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-RFP-17-006

### MAUI SHAFT WELLS REHABILITATION PROJECT, SAIPAN, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to develop the method and perform the construction work to remove the cave in soil material in the Maui 4 Shaft Well tunnel and rehabilitate the existing buildings, platforms, shaft, electrical components, elevator system and all other items listed in the scope of work for the Maui 1 and 4 shaft wells. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is **375 calendar days** from date of award.

*This project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from the above mentioned funding agencies.*

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **November 8, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the Maui Shaft Wells facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

**One (1) original and four (4) hard copies**, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-RFP-17-006 – Maui Shaft Wells Rehabilitation Project” to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 29, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

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Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 10, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Yvonne Cabrera, CUC Water-Wastewater Jr. Engineer via email address [yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org](mailto:yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org) and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address [Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org).

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### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



## INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-17-008

### BULK CHLORINE STORAGE FACILITY

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the construction of a facility for the bulk storage of the CUC’s chlorine supply in Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of a building and site improvements to adequately store and secure chlorine gas cylinders, including all appurtenances and features necessary to comply with applicable standards, regulations and codes. The storage facility includes a chlorine storage area, an operator area to store personal protective equipment and an electrical/mechanical room, emergency showers, eye washing stations, chlorine gas scrubber equipment, ventilation system, fire protection, alarm systems and emergency power.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **270 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Justen Landan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **November 3, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid MUST** be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-IFB-17-008, Bulk Chlorine Storage Facility Project” to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 21, 2016**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. *Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.*

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers’ questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI’s Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI’s Insurance Code.*

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a bid under the contract.

All responses to this Invitation for should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor’s Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 7, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to John Riegel, Water/Wastewater Chief Engineer via email address [john.riegel@cucgov.org](mailto:john.riegel@cucgov.org) and Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address [marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO  
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, Jr.  
Purchasing Officer

# Commerce works to regulate weights, measurements

From Nov. 14 to 18, the Department of Commerce, through funding provided by the Office of Insular Affairs, will be conducting multi-jurisdictional training to increase efforts for the standardization of weights and measurements regionally.

According to Commerce Secretary Mark Rabauliman, multi-jurisdictional enforcement and compliance capacity building for weights and mea-

surements will ensure equitable economic activity.

"With the funding provided by OIA, this will enable a multi-jurisdictional training that will encourage and promote uniform package inspection procedures from various inspection techniques to proper conduct of packaged goods verification procedures," Rabauliman said.

Rabauliman said the capacity building for regional

weights and measurements will not only be for the CNMI but for the whole Micronesian region. Developing standardization across the region and showcasing new methods, he said, will improve department efficiency and fairness in commercial transactions for merchants and consumers.

Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres earlier this year expressed that the primary objective is to meet the requirements of the weights

and measures standards and regulations established by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology.

"With the increased economic activity, accurate weights and measurements across the board is a priority. The Department of the Interior noted that the CNMI estimates \$3 million in annual losses to fraud due to inaccurate weights and measurements to

more than 6,000 40-foot containers arrive at the Saipan seaport each year and all efforts to decrease these losses and prevent fraud will positively impact our community and our regional partners," Torres said.

In addition to this training, the Department of Commerce, through a memorandum of agreement with Utah Department of Agriculture & Food, Division of Regulatory Ser-

vices aims to build capacity of regional stakeholders through the acquisition of professional development on gravimeter package inspections based on National Institute of Standards and Technology to allow stakeholders to receive the latest training on U.S. standards, test procedures and proper equipment to support local regulation compliance.

Rabauliman said the CNMI Department of Commerce from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota will be participating, along with stakeholders from the CNMI Department of Finance, government of Guam weights and measurements representatives, the Marshall Islands, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia. (PR)

## Greenstay Project 'land-house exchange'

Greenstay Project has come up with an idea called "Greenstay Land-House Exchange." Basically, the idea is that Greenstay will build you a new modular house in exchange for a land. To get the new modular house there are requirements that will be needed:

1. At least two land properties with clear titles.
2. Land property shall exceed 1,000 square meters.
3. Land shall have a unique or a strong point (e.g.: a scenic view, good location or an interesting history).

If you are interested in the Greenstay land-house exchange, the Greenstay staff will set up an appointment with you to inspect the lands where the modular house will be built on and the other to exchange with Greenstay. Upon inspection, documents for the land will be needed. If both parties are satisfied with the terms, the house will be built and will come with the furniture that Greenstay includes when a house is purchased. Some conditions and terms apply.

Greenstay has come up with different strategies to help the community in recovering from Typhoon Soudelor. The showrooms for the new technology of modular homes have been introduced by Greenstay Projects. The three showrooms out of the five designs that Greenstay has to offer is actually still open for the community to see and if interested ready to purchase.

For those who have any questions, concerns, or who are interested in the Greenstay land-house exchange or the houses, operating hours are Monday to Sunday 10am-6pm. Contact us via email: greenstay.cnmi@gmail.com, call at (670) 233-8812, or Facebook @ CNMI Greenstay. (PR)

## MVA supports Busan-Saipan flights with tour

To continue support of direct flights from Busan, Korea to Saipan launched by Asiana Airlines in October 2011, the Marianas Visitors Authority recently conducted a Marianas-Busan familiarization tour with six key travel agents.

The tour was held on Oct. 26-30, 2016, in cooperation with Asiana Airlines, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and Kensington Hotel Saipan and provided the participants with an in-depth education about the Northern Marianas. Participating agencies were Hana Tour, Mode Tour, YB Tour, Lotte Tour, Lotte JTB, and Naeil Tour, which have all blocked seats on the Busan-Saipan flights to sell.

"Flight service from new cities in any country is often difficult to start, and so care-



Participants of the Marianas Busan familiarization tour inspect Aqua Resort Club Saipan on Oct. 28, 2016, as part of their tour of nine hotels and other tourist facilities and attractions in the Northern Mariana Islands. The group was accompanied by sales director Kinu Kim of the Marianas Visitors Authority's Korea Office, far left.

MVA

ful attention must be paid to keeping the demand high for the destination so that those flights remain in service," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "Bringing in key travel agents who sell the destination on [familiarization] tours allows them to experience the destination for themselves, and this better equips them to

boost sale products and sell the destination. FAM tours, combined with all the other marketing and promotion undertaken by our office in Korea and a strong national economy, are both important parts of our strong arrival numbers from Korea at this time."

Staying at Hyatt Regency Saipan and Kensington Hotel Saipan two nights each,

the participants inspected nine major hotel partners in the Northern Marianas: Coral Ocean Golf Resort, PIC Saipan, Kanoa Resort Saipan, Saipan World Resort, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Aqua Resort Club Saipan, Kensington Hotel Saipan, and Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort. Participants also experienced optional tours

like Let's Go Tour's off-road buggy tour and Managaha, as well as Country House Restaurant, Bubba Gump, T Galleria, Best Sunshine Live, Garapan Street Market, and the historic and scenic sites of Marpi.

Jeju Air is also scheduled to launch regular flight service from Busan beginning on Dec. 15, 2016. (MVA)



## SUPPORTING CANCER AWARENESS

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres joins Commonwealth Cancer Association officials and its partners for a group photo outside the Office of the Governor after signing two proclamations declaring November as Lung and Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month last week.

JON PEREZ

## Tropical depression peters out

The remains of Tropical Depression 28W were centered northwest of Pohnpei and its remains were moving west at 15 mph and will

likely turn toward the west-northwest then will pass south of Guam as a remnant circulation Monday or Tuesday.

The remains of Tropical Depression 28W remains should bring another round of wetter and more unstable weather from Monday through Tuesday. Wind speeds of 10 to 20 mph

with gusts to 30 mph near showers will be possible along with isolated thunderstorms and localized minor flooding.

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center-State

Warning Point is advising residents to maintain necessary precautionary measures for possible gusty winds and heavy rain and to also stay informed on the latest statements or advisories.

# Business

## Trump's path to boosting nat'l infrastructure is full of potholes

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Donald Trump has vowed to rebuild the nation's roads, bridges, airports and railways, but the path to delivering on that promise is full of potholes. When President Barack Obama tried to do it, a Republican Congress fought him at almost every turn, and Trump would have to contend with his party's deep-seated dislike for government spending and higher taxes to meet the \$1 trillion tab for his proposals.

The transportation industry sees hope in Trump's plans, which he made the first policy issue in his Wednesday victory speech.

"We are going to fix our inner cities ... We're going to rebuild our infrastructure, which will become, by the way, second to none," he said. "And we will put millions of our people to work as we rebuild it."

But Trump has been vague what about he'd do and what it would cost. During the campaign he said he'd double the \$275 billion boost in government infrastructure spending proposed by his Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton. A

recent paper by Trump advisers calls for using federal tax credits to generate \$1 trillion in private sector infrastructure investment over a decade. To offset the cost of the credits, U.S. corporations would be encouraged to bring home profits parked overseas to avoid taxes, in exchange for a low tax rate.

If that corporate tax "repatriation" idea sounds familiar, it's probably because Obama has been urging Congress to do that, and Clinton cited repatriation as the way she would pay for her infrastructure plan.

Some Republicans, including House Speaker Paul Ryan, have also expressed support for the concept. But other Republicans and influential conservative pressure groups who want to shrink government have said the idea sounds too much like a tax increase because it raises money. Trump's vice president-elect, Mike Pence, was among a vocal minority of Republicans in the House who favored going in the other direction by stripping the federal government of most of its transportation responsibilities.

There's been bipartisan support in Congress for addressing the nation's aging and inadequate infrastructure if funding questions can be resolved. Congress passed transportation bills in 2012 and 2015 to shore up the strained federal Highway Trust Fund, which provides highway and transit aid to states, and to provide modest increases in transportation spending—far short of what Obama and congressional Democrats said was needed.

Lawmakers struggled to pay for the plans by cobbling together spending cuts and revenue increases elsewhere in the federal budget, some of them more fiscal sleight of hand than real money. By 2021, the fund is expected to show a \$18 billion gap between spending and gas-tax revenue.

Raising money for infrastructure through corporate tax repatriation has a greater likelihood of success if can be part of a larger tax overhaul effort that also cuts rates more generally, said Robert Poole, transportation policy director for the libertarian-leaning Reason Foundation.

## After election, are shoppers ready to think about holidays?

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The uncertainty surrounding who will be the next U.S. president is over. But with people still bitterly divided, are they ready to think about a holiday shopping season that thrives on feelings of joy and peace?

Reports from retailers, including department stores like Kohl's, Macy's and J.C. Penney, showed that shoppers had been starting to step up their spending in the weeks leading up to the election won by Republican Donald Trump. And the companies are generally optimistic about a good holiday season, pointing to higher wages for workers and leaner inventories.

"A relatively happy employed consumer base is a willing group of consumers," said Greg Portell, a partner in A.T. Kearney's consumer products and retail and communications, media and technology group.

Pointing to the political environment is an easy excuse for retailers, analysts said. Even after the rancor of the campaign, they believe, Trump supporters will be in the mood to spend and those who supported Democrat Hillary Clinton or another candidate may shop as a balm on their emotions.

"It's retail therapy either

way," says Marshal Cohen, chief industry analyst at NPD Group, a market research firm.

What the department stores were seeing before the election was a bit of a mixed bag. Macy's and Kohl's raised their sales outlooks this week as they saw improvement, even as they posted another quarter of smaller declines. Nordstrom reported an increase in the key sales measure, and raised its earnings outlook.

But Penney cut its annual outlook for a key sales measure after reporting a surprise sales drop as it wrestled with weak clothing sales. Macy's had specifically cited strength in apparel, across the men's, women's and children's departments. Like some other retailers, Penney's business has been volatile, bouncing back in the summer after a tough start to the year.

In general, a dip in buying is normal before a presidential election as people are distracted and advertising space is taken up by political ads, but spending usually bounces back afterward. In 2012 and 2004, year-over-year sales growth slowed an average of 22 percent in September and October, from the January through August period, but rebounded an average of 16

percent in November and December, according to consulting group AlixPartners.

Penney's CEO Marvin Ellison said it was hard to quantify how much the upcoming election affected business in the third quarter but that business accelerated in October, the last month of the period. But he noted from an economic standpoint, shoppers "are in really good shape," he added. "We are hoping that in the post-election, we are just going to see people spend," he said.

Some consumers are nervous about changes under a Trump presidency that could affect a lot of different industries.

Donna Jonas, a retired customer service representative in Albuquerque, New Mexico, says she started spending less a couple months ago. The 63-year-old worries that Trump might privatize social security and what his plans might be for health care.

"It's my financial future that I am concerned about," she said.

Jonas says she has cut back on buying new books, and she and her husband won't buy each other a holiday gift as they usually do. She also plans to spend less on gifts for her grandchildren.

# Nation

## Tens of thousands rally, march in nationwide anti-Trump protests

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Tens of thousands of people marched in streets across the United States on Saturday, staging the fourth day of protests of Donald Trump's surprise victory as president.

The protests—held in big cities like New York and Chicago as well as smaller ones, such as Worcester, Massachusetts, and Iowa City, Iowa—were largely peaceful Saturday, although two police officers were slightly injured during protests in Indianapolis.

Protesters rallied at New York's Union Square before taking their cause up Fifth Avenue toward Trump Tower, where they were held back by police barricades.

The Republican president-elect was holed up inside his tower apartment, working with aides on the transition to the White House.

Among those railing against him was filmmaker Michael Moore, who tweeted a demand that Trump "step aside."

Fashion designer Noemi Abad, 30, agreed.

"I just can't have Donald Trump running this country and teaching our children racism, sexism and bigotry," she said. "Out of his own mouth he made this division. He needs to go—there's no place for racism in society in America."

Trump's comments—particularly a 2005 recording of him making lewd comments

### Trump reactions

Percent who said each of the following describes their reaction to Donald Trump being elected president



Source: Gallup  
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

about women—sparked outrage during his campaign. That spilled over into dem-

onstrations following an election that ended with half of U.S. voters choosing the other candidate, Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Demonstrators in Indianapolis on Saturday threw rocks at police, slightly injuring two officers, said Police Chief Troy Riggs. Some protesters began chanting threats including "Kill the Police," and officers moved in to arrest seven demonstrators.

Police briefly fired pepper balls into the crowd during the confrontation.

"We believe that we have some instigators that arrived in our city," trying to start a riot, Riggs said.

Rowdy demonstrators marched through downtown Portland, Oregon, for the fourth night Saturday despite calls from the mayor and police chief for calm.

Several hundred people took to the streets and Portland authorities made multiple arrests after protesters threw bottles and other items at officers in riot gear and blocked streets and light rail lines. The exact number of arrests wasn't immediately available.

The gathering came after a news conference Saturday in which Mayor Charlie Hayes and Police Chief Mike Marshman urged restraint after several days of violent marches that damaged property and left one person shot.

## Successful real-estate firm built between grisly crimes

**WOODRUFF, S.C. (AP)**—As he built a successful real estate firm, Todd Kohlhepp's behavior struck some as odd: watching pornographic videos during work, making macabre jokes in marketing literature and openly discussing that he was a sex offender.

But he was also an award-winning agent described as a hard worker and good boss.

All the while, authorities say, he was hiding a grisly secret that included seven killings over 13 years. He gunned down four people at a motorcycle shop in 2003 and within the last year killed three more, authorities said. The crimes were uncovered earlier this month when investigators rescued a woman chained up in a 30-foot long storage container on his property.

"He was the kind of Type Double A, hair-on-fire kind of guy. ... You felt that if he

wanted to take you out, he could take you out easily," said Lawrence Shorts, a mortgage banker who worked on transactions with Kohlhepp.

Kohlhepp made ominous comments about having trouble sleeping and how he would "know where people live," Shorts said. A neighbor, Scott Waldrop, said Kohlhepp bragged about chasing people off his rural property with an arsenal including guns with silencers and night-vision equipment.

Kohlhepp moved to South Carolina sometime after the 2001 completion of his 15-year prison sentence for raping another teenager at gunpoint in Arizona. He was in his early 30s and began studying at Greenville Technical College in 2003. While attending classes that November, he killed four employees at the Superbike Motorsports store in Chesnee,

authorities said.

Those slayings went unsolved for 13 years. When Kohlhepp was arrested last week, the sheriff said he confessed to the bike-shop shootings and pointed investigators to three shallow graves on his land.

Detectives notifying victims' families of Kohlhepp's confession said he was an angry customer at the shop. Motives aren't clear for the more recent killings and the woman's kidnapping.

In 2004, Kohlhepp transferred to the University of South Carolina-Upstate and ranked near the top of his class the next year, said college spokeswoman Tammy Whaley. He finished his business degree in 2007, then distinguished himself in real estate. A 2008 news article said he was Weichert Realtors' top-selling rookie agent for a region spanning parts of both Carolinas.

# Asia

## Speaking out for PH drug war victims, Filipina goes into hiding

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—When police shot to death Harra Kazuo's common-law husband and his father following a drug raid in the Philippines, she sought one thing: justice.

In a television interview shortly after their deaths in July, the 26-year-old mother accused two officers of killing them in cold blood. She then recounted the allegations before a Philippine Senate committee investigating the country's brutal drug war in testimony broadcast nationwide.

What Kazuo has gotten instead, though, is a life lesson in the consequences of speaking out. Today, she lives with her three children in hiding, sheltered by an extraordinary witness protection program run by the country's independent Commission on Human Rights, which has feared for her safety while it investigates the case.

That such a program exists is powerful indictment of the lack of trust many here have in the country's notoriously corrupt police, who are spearheading an anti-drug campaign that has left more than 4,000 people dead in just a few months. It also illustrates the failures of a broken justice system few believe can hold anyone to account.



In this Sept. 7 photo, Harra Kazuo, live-in partner of alleged drug pusher Jaypee Bertes, covers her face to protect her identity during an interview at the Commission on Human Rights office in Quezon City, north of Manila, Philippines.

Kazuo said she is pushing the case because "what is happening is not right."

"I want them to feel how they treated my husband," she told The Associated Press. "I want them to feel what it's like for a family to lose a loved one."

Although both officers have been suspended and have attended preliminary hearings, city prosecutor Orlando Mariano said they remain free and neither has been indicted. If prosecutors determine the evidence is too weak, both men could be end up being absolved.

Jose Luis Martin "Chito" Gascon, who directs the Ma-

nila-based rights commission, said no police have been charged criminally in court since the drug war began despite persistent reports of security forces summarily executing drug suspects. National police spokesman Dionardo Carlo, however, said police have been arrested and charged, but he could offer no details.

Either way, the killing of Kazuo's family members "is the highest profile case we've had so far, and it's not even in court yet," Gascon said. "So what do you think's going to happen to the rest—the ones that got no attention and have already been forgotten?"

## Death toll rises to 50 in IS-claimed blast in Pakistan

**QUETTA, Pakistan** (AP)—The death toll from a bomb blast at a Sufi shrine in southwest Pakistan Saturday has risen to 50 people with more than 100 wounded, officials said.

The Islamic State group later claimed responsibility for the suicide attack at the shrine of Sufi saint Shah Bilal Noorani in the southwestern province of Baluchistan.

Abdur Rasool, an official at the province's home ministry, said rescuers were transporting the wounded to hospitals and the dead to local morgues, but were struggling in the difficult mountainous terrain, some 350 kilometers (217 miles) south of the provincial capital, Quetta.

The blast targeted worshippers as they were in the throes of their devotional "dhamal" dance, and the courtyard at the time was packed with families, women and children.

The Islamic State group's statement on the IS-affiliated Aamaq news agency said the suicide attack had targeted "Shiites." The shrine is fre-

quented by both Pakistan's Sunni Muslim majority and Shiite minority. IS considers all Shiite Muslims heretics.

The blast comes ahead of the Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's pre-planned trip to the province tomorrow, where he will see off the first Chinese shipping consignment to Africa from Gwadar port.

Baluchistan home minister Sarfaraz Bugti, citing a lack of cellular services in the affected area, said the situation will be much clearer in the morning. He said over 500 people were present in the courtyard of the shrine when the blast happened.

Abdul Hakim Lasi, an official with the Edhi Foundations rescue service, said many of the injured were wounded in a panicked stampede after the blast.

One female witness, who was not identified by name, told the GEO television channel that a "big bang" took place in the midst of the dhamal dance in the shrine's courtyard. "I don't know how I escaped unhurt," she said. "It

was like a hell all around."

A doctor at an area hospital told a local television station that the number of wounded being brought in had overwhelmed the hospital's capacity.

"We don't have sufficient space so several people were treated outside on the ground," the doctor said adding that, "Several wounded people have lost limbs."

A military statement said that four army medical teams and 45 army ambulances had been dispatched to the scene to assist.

Last month IS claimed responsibility for an attack in which three Islamic militants stormed a police academy in Quetta, killing 61 people, mostly cadets and trainees. Later, the banned sectarian militant group Lashkar-e-Jhangvi claimed joint responsibility.

For over a decade, Baluchistan province has been the scene of a low-intensity insurgency by nationalist and separatist groups demanding a bigger share of regional resources.

# World

## Mass grave points to IS horrors

**HAMAM AL-ALIL, Iraq** (AP)—For months, Islamic State group fighters drove thousands of civilians on forced marches across the Nineveh desert into the small town of Hamam al-Alil. Retreating ahead of methodical Iraqi advances on Mosul's southern approach, IS fighters converged here, rounding up men, women and children for use as human shields and killing dozens of others.

When Iraqi forces began to close in on this cluster of villages along the Tigris River valley, most of the militants fled into Mosul, taking thousands of civilians with them. But before the retreat, IS fighters also led hundreds to a garbage dump past an old IS training camp and shot them dead, leaving the bodies among the piles of trash.

A week after Hamam al-Alil was retaken from IS, and days after a delegation from the central government in Baghdad visited the site, about a dozen bodies remain strewn among piles of garbage on the western edge of the town. The bodies that remained were the ones family members were unable to identify. Some had been decapitated, other have their hands and feet

bound. Iraqi officials at the scene said the men were killed for alleged spying in aid of the operation to retake Mosul or having links to the Iraqi government's security forces.

No efforts to preserve the site were visible on a visit Friday and Iraqi officers reported that wild dogs were eating at the decaying corpses that lay on the edge of an old agriculture college later bombed by coalition aircraft after IS converted the sprawling compound into a training base.

"These were men working with us," said Iraqi federal police Cpt. Muhannad Adnan.

"This is the clearest evidence of the crimes and brutality of Daesh," he continued, "it's also evidence of what happens when we slow our advance. When we move slowly, it allows (the Islamic State group) to plan better and kill more people."

Adnan said the town's residents have told his unit that dozens more bodies are buried at the site.

Iraqi forces south of Mosul has taken a month to advance some 40 kilometers (25 miles), slowly pushing IS fighters out of dozens of small villages along the Tigris River and across the desert.

On Mosul's east, forces initially advanced faster, but have slowed recently as they have pushed into the city proper.

Many Iraqi forces have largely paused their advance on Mosul over the past four days. Iraqi commanders say they are using the time to consolidate territorial gains ahead of future advances.

"Our duty should only be to liberate territory and then continue to move forward," said Brig. Gen. Shaker Alwan al-Kafaj, the head of the federal police's fifth division.

"The local police forces had more than a year to prepare for this and now we are finding out that they did almost nothing. Many of them don't even exist," he added referring to the problem of so-called ghost soldiers—non-existent troops whose pay is pocketed by senior officers or enlisted men who don't show up to duty—that has plagued Iraq's security services for years.

Al-Kafaj has been leading advances south of Mosul since the operation was officially announced on Oct. 17, and says his momentum forward has repeatedly been delayed by inadequate forces to hold the newly gained territory.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### John Kerry says he'll continue with global warming efforts

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand** (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said Sunday he will continue his efforts to implement the Paris Agreement on global warming until the day President Barack Obama leaves office on Jan. 20. Speaking in New Zealand following a trip to Antarctica, Kerry said his administration would continue to do everything possible to meet its responsibility to future generations. Kerry has long championed climate action but now his legacy is under threat. President-elect Donald Trump has called climate change a hoax and said he would "cancel" U.S. involvement in the landmark Paris deal. Under the deal, which came into force this month, countries have agreed to limit global warming to 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial levels.

Achieving the goal will require a major shift away from fossil fuels.

#### Rights group accuses Iraqi Kurds of destroying Arab homes

**BAGHDAD** (AP)—The security forces of Iraq's regional Kurdish government have routinely destroyed Arab homes and even some whole villages in areas retaken from the Islamic State group over the past two years, according to a new report issued Sunday by Human Rights Watch. The report says that between September 2014 and May 2016, Kurdish forces advancing against IS destroyed Arab homes in disputed areas of Kirkuk and Nineveh provinces, while Kurdish homes were left intact. It says the demolitions took place in disputed areas in northern Iraq which the Kurds want to incorporate into their autonomous region over the objections of the

central government.

#### France remembers the 130 killed in Paris attacks 1 year ago

**PARIS** (AP)—In somber ceremonies, France is remembering the horrors of one year ago, when Islamic extremists attacked bars, restaurants and other symbols of the joyful life that Paris embodies, turning a night on the town into a spasm of violence that shook the nation to its core. President Francois Hollande was visiting each of the seven attack sites on Sunday to honor the 130 people killed that Friday night and the hundreds injured. Notre Dame Cathedral was holding an evening service. On Nov. 13, 2015, three teams of attackers put their macabre signatures on the French national stadium, five bars and restaurants in eastern Paris and the Bataclan concert hall. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attacks.



## Life & Style

# Rowling talks about 'Fantastic Beasts' at New York screening

**NEW YORK** (AP)—J.K. Rowling came to town for a movie and a cause.

The British author was on-stage at Carnegie Hall on Saturday night to introduce an advance screening of "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," a Nov. 18 release that she adapted from her "Harry Potter" spinoff book of the same name.

The screening was a fundraiser for Lumos, a nonprofit foundation Rowling started a decade ago to help institutionalized children worldwide be reunited with their families.

Her voice hoarse from days of promoting "Fantastic Beasts," Rowling joked that she was "full of honey" as she joined the film's star, Eddie Redmayne, for a conversation about her charitable work and her "Fantastic Beasts" script.

She has related often her inspiration for Lumos: She was reading the Sunday Times and spotted, to her horror, a picture of a child in a cage. Unsure if she could bear to

keep reading, Rowling told herself that if the story was as awful as the picture suggested, she had no choice but to do something about it.

"They are so voiceless," she said of the children in orphanages, which she has criticized often as damaging to children and their development. Wearing dark-rimmed glasses, her blonde hair pulled back in a ponytail, Rowling came prepared with notes and statistics about the plight of institutionalized children but also about the real possibility of helping them all.

"This is an extremely solvable issue," she said. "It doesn't mean it's easy, but we know how to do it."

Lumos CEO Georgette Mulheir, who spoke to The Associated Press shortly before Rowling took the stage, said that the author's passion and financial support for Lumos had made it an unusually effective and stable organization. She noted that most foundations struggle year to year



J. K. Rowling attends the world premiere of "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" at Alice Tully Hall on Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016, in New York. AP

to raise money. But Rowling locked in revenues for Lumos by donating proceeds from another Potter spinoff, "The Tales of Beetle the Bard."

"It means our programming can be long-term," she said. "If you want to make major changes happen in a country, you have to make immediate long-term investments."

Rowling also spoke of "Fantastic Beasts" and the writing process. The film was

directed by David Yates and also features Alison Sudol, Dan Fogler, Katherine Waterston and Ezra Miller, all of whom briefly came onstage after Rowling and Redmayne.

Countless novelists have struggled to write for films, calling the two art forms almost entirely different. Rowling managed in part by treating the script like a book, including not just dialogue but long descriptive passages about the setting and characters.

"It's like learning a completely new language," she said of her script. "I learned to write a screenplay while writing a screenplay."

## Heavy security as Sting reopens Bataclan after Paris attacks

**PARIS** (AP)—French security turned out in force Saturday night as British pop legend Sting reopened the Bataclan concert hall one year after suicidal jihadists turned the famed Paris venue into a bloodbath.

Hundreds of yards of barricades, extensive body searches and scores of armed police greeted those lucky enough to get a ticket. The Bataclan said all 1,000 Sting tickets sold out quickly and other tickets were given to the families of the 90 revelers slain a year ago by extremists with automatic weapons and explosive belts.

Sting, in a T-shirt with a guitar slung over his shoulder, asked concert-goers in fluent French to observe a minute of silence as he opened the show.

"We've got two important things to do tonight," the singer said. "First, to remember and honor those who lost their lives in the attacks a year ago ... and to celebrate the life and the music of this historic venue. ... We shall not forget them."

He then strummed out a string of hits, including "Fragile" and "Message in a Bottle."

Elodie Suigo, who lost six friends in the attack, said that it was a hard night, even though she loved the music.

"It was difficult going through that door. I don't think I was the only one... We cannot say it was a magical moment because of everything that changed in our lives. But (Sting) is a really great man," she said.

The coordinated attacks in Paris on Nov. 13 last year targeted bars, restaurants and the sports stadium, leaving 130 people dead and hundreds more injured. The worst extremist violence ever to hit France, they were claimed by the Islamic State group.

Some survivors on Saturday

stayed outside the Bataclan in quiet vigil, while others inside stood silently sipping a drink, waiting for the concert to start. The smell of fresh paint from the reconstruction hung over the crowd.

Aurelien Perrin, 25, survived the Bataclan massacre but his friend Nicolas Berthier did not.

"I came alone tonight. It's very emotional, as I keep getting flashbacks of that night. I was standing just there, just the other side of the bar when it happened. Tonight is the first time I've been back here since," he said.

Perrin added that he had not been to any bar or even the cinema since that fateful night.

"I'm here because it's important to finally finish a concert that was never allowed to end. It's for the memory of my friend and for all the 90 people who died," he said.

Another survivor, Mariesha Jack Payne, waited across the road from the Bataclan in The Barometer bar, where she was rushed to after the attack. She traveled from Scotland for the commemorations in Paris this weekend.

"Even if I'm not inside, it's symbolic for me to be here nearby. The important day is tomorrow. I come back to this bar every time I'm in Paris now," she said.

Sting, 65, is no stranger to the Bataclan, playing there decades ago in 1979 as the lead singer of The Police. The singer's new album "57th & 9th" was released Friday.

Sting says proceeds from the concert would go to two charities helping survivors. More than 1,700 people have been officially recognized as victims of the horror that unfolded at the Bataclan, Paris cafes and France's national stadium.

## Megyn Kelly: Trump tried to influence coverage with gifts

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Megyn Kelly says Donald Trump tried unsuccessfully to give her gifts, including a free stay at one of his hotels, as part of what she called his pattern of trying to influence news coverage of his presidential campaign.

In her memoir "Settle for More," to be released Tuesday, Kelly says Trump may have gotten a pre-debate tip about her first question, in which she confronted him with his critical comments about women. Her book also details the insults and threats she received after Trump's tirades objecting to her reporting. The Associated Press obtained an advance copy of the book Saturday.

Kelly, host of Fox News Channel's "The Kelly Re-

port," said Trump routinely attempted to gain favorable treatment from other journalists and commentators.

"This is actually one of the untold stories of the 2016 campaign: I was not the only journalist to whom Trump offered gifts clearly meant to shape coverage," Kelly said. He also attempted to woo them with praise, she said, adding, "This is smart, because the media is full of people whose egos need stroking."

"Trump tried to work the refs, and some of the refs responded," she said.

When it became obvious that some reporters were "in the tank" for Trump, she alleges in one chapter, "certain TV hosts" would work with the candidate in advance on occasional Trump

criticism so they would appear unbiased. She didn't identify them by name or media outlet.

Resisting Trump's attempts to buy her goodwill with an offer to comp her "girls' weekend" stay at his downtown New York City hotel or fly her and her husband to visit his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida was an easy ethical decision, Kelly wrote.

Harder still was rejecting the ratings bonanza that the colorful GOP contender could deliver with his "unscripted, unguarded" approach that made for great TV but was the equivalent of "television crack cocaine," Kelly wrote.

She and her producer agreed they had to provide balance and be judicious in their coverage, asserting this was not

a "directive to cover Trump negatively or to ignore him."

It was at the first GOP primary debate last August that Kelly questioned Trump about derogatory comments he'd made about women. The day before, Trump had called Fox News executive Bill Sammon to say he had heard that Kelly's first question would be a pointed one aimed at him, she wrote.

"How could he know that?" I wondered," Kelly said, not answering the question but clearing her Fox colleagues on the debate team of any suspicion of leaking it to him. Trump was agitated out of proportion in the phone call, she wrote, calling it "bizarre behavior, especially for a man who wanted the nuclear codes."

## Dutch police detain protesters before Saint Nicholas arrival

**MAASSLUIS, Netherlands** (AP)—The Dutch incarnation of Saint Nicholas arrived in the Netherlands on Saturday amid a huge security operation to prevent violent confrontations between supporters and opponents of his helper, "Black Pete."

The children's character known as Sinterklaas has in recent years been at the center of a heated debate about race in the Netherlands. That's because of his sidekick "Black Pete," who is often played by white people

in blackface makeup.

Opponents claim he is a racist caricature who harkens back to slavery, while supporters see him as a harmless figure of fun and an integral part of cherished Dutch tradition.

Thousands of people, including many children wearing "Black Pete" costumes who clambered up trees and street lights to get a better view, crowded into the historic harbor of Maassluis for the nationally televised arrival of Sinterklaas. They were watched over by hundreds

of police and security guards amid fears of confrontations.

The celebrations passed peacefully in Maassluis, but police detained 180 anti-Black Pete activists in nearby Rotterdam for defying a ban on protests in that city.

Even Prime Minister Mark Rutte had appealed for calm ahead of the celebrations, using his weekly press conference Friday to tell people on both sides of the debate to "just be normal."

About 20 far-right activists were easily outnumbered by

police as they demonstrated in Maassluis, holding up a banner that said: "We are not ashamed of Black Pete."

One of them, John Morren, said he was there to defend a Dutch tradition.

"We are demonstrating for the preservation of a children's party," he said.

Police said they arrested a man with a large knife in a bag near the festivities in Maassluis, but later tweeted that he was actually carrying a bag of tools and was not on his way to the celebration.

# Bikers help Springsteen, stranded on the side of the road

**FREEHOLD, N.J. (AP)**—Coming across Bruce Springsteen on a broken down motorcycle on the side of the road could probably be a lyric from one of his songs, but it really happened for a group of guys from New Jersey.

A group from the Freehold American Legion was riding after a Veterans Day event Friday when Dan Barkalow says he saw a stranded motorcyclist up ahead near Allaire State Park in Wall Township.

"Bikers gotta stick together," Barkalow said. "I stopped to see if he needed help, and it was Bruce."

Barkalow says they tried to



<sup>AP</sup>  
In this Friday, Nov. 11, 2016, photo provided by Ryan Bailey, Dan Barkalow, left, and Bruce Springsteen poses for a photo in Wall Township, N.J.

help get his bike running, but when they couldn't, Springsteen—wearing a brown rid-

ing jacket and a red handkerchief—hopped on the back of Ryan Bailey's bike and they headed to a local bar.

"We sat there and shot the breeze for a half hour, 45 minutes till his ride showed up," Barkalow said. "Nice guy, real down to earth. Just talked about motorcycles and

his old Freehold days."

Springsteen was raised in Freehold and still lives in New Jersey. The American Legion post says Springsteen is eligible to join since his father was a veteran.

"It was nice to help out," Bailey said. "One Freehold person helping out another."

## Pink's pregnant with No. 2

Grammy-winning pop star Pink is expecting her second child with husband and motocross champ Carey Hart.

The baby news was confirmed Saturday by publicist Meghan Kehoe after Pink posted a baby-bump shot with 5-year-old daughter Willow on Instagram. The caption read simply, "Surprise!" There were no further details. Complementing her motherhood, the 37-year-old singer is a children's advocate through UNICEF. Last year, she was named an ambassador to help promote physical activity in young children in the United States.

Pink also raises money through UNICEF for nutritional relief for malnourished children worldwide, and she's the national spokeswoman for the UNICEF Kid Power fitness band. (AP)

## Redford says he's retiring from acting to focus on directing

Film star Robert Redford says he's retiring soon from acting to focus on directing.

In an online interview with his grandson Dylan Redford, the 80-year-old star says he's getting tired of acting. "I'm an impatient person so it's hard for me to sit around and do take after take after take," he says.

He notes in the interview—published in the blog of the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis—that he has two acting projects in the works:

"Our Souls at Night," with Jane Fonda, which he calls "a love story for older people who get a second chance in life," and "The Old Man and the Gun," with Casey Affleck and Sissy Spacek.

"Once they're done, then I'm going to say, 'OK, that's goodbye to all that,' and then just focus on directing," Redford says.

Redford won the Oscar for directing in 1981 for "Ordinary People," and an honorary Oscar in 2002. (AP)

## Industry veterans get honorary Oscars at Governors Awards

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—The president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences says the recipients of its 2016 honorary Oscars have instilled a love of cinema in future filmmakers.

President Cheryl Boone Isaacs said Saturday that actor Jackie Chan, film editor Anne V. Coates, casting director Lynn Stalmaster and documentarian Frederick Wiseman "inspire the next generation with that same sense of wonder and enchantment that first touched us as kids."

Jeff Bridges and Warren Beatty were among the stars greeting Stalmaster, who was the first person to receive an Oscar for casting.

Honorary Oscars used to be presented during the

annual Academy Awards ceremony and to generally recognized talents. Establishing the untelevised Governors Awards ceremony has allowed for more comprehensive presentations and more diverse recipients.

For example, Stalmaster—whose casting credits include "West Side Story," "The Graduate," and "The Right Stuff"—will become the first to receive an Oscar for casting. No casting category exists at the Academy Awards.

"This is exactly what the Governors Awards are meant to do," said David Rubin, who is producing this year's ceremony at Hollywood & Highland's Ray Dolby Ballroom. "It's a look at entire careers."

Chan has said that as an action star, despite his decades in film, he never expected to win an Oscar.

Previous recipients have included stuntman Hal Needham, independent filmmaker Roger Corman and studio chief John Calley, as well as Steve Martin, Spike Lee and Lauren Bacall.

The Governors Awards ceremony has also become an early stop on the awards-season campaign trail for 2017 Oscar hopefuls. Among the guests expected are "Loving" stars Joel Edgerton and Ruth Negga, "La La Land" writer-director Damien Chazelle and star Emma Stone, and "Moonlight" director Barry Jenkins and co-star Naomie Harris.

## Bring it: Harry says Sydney to host 2018 Invictus Games

**LONDON (AP)**—Prince Harry says Sydney will host the 2018 Invictus Games and is urging wounded military athletes to "bring it."

He made the announcement in a video Saturday that also featured Australian pop singer Kylie Minogue promising the prince "you don't need to tell the Aussies to bring it, it's guaranteed."

Harry was inspired to create the Paralympic-style sporting competition for injured and sick servicemen and women after his two tours of duty in Afghanistan. The Invictus Games have



Harry

been staged in London and in Orlando, Florida, and are to be hosted by To-

ronto next year.

The Sydney event will feature more than 500 competitors from 17 nations.

Harry said Sydney won the hosting rights because it's an iconic city, has a proud military heritage and is "absolutely sports mad."

## Woman, kids aren't thankful to leave home for the holiday

**DEAR ABBY:** My fiancé, "Allen," and I have dated for almost three years and have been living together for three months. When we met, he had been divorced for more than two years. Allen has a 13-year-old son and a 19-year-old daughter. His kids learned about me after we had dated a year. His daughter, "Jen," attends college out of state. When she visits home, she stays only with her mom.

Last summer, Allen and I decided to buy a house together, found the perfect one, and went to make an offer when Jen stepped in and said if we lived together before August, after she returned to school, she wouldn't have anything to do with him. He told me I couldn't live with him until August.

I was devastated, but I didn't have a choice. Now we have a house together, Jen said she wants to spend time on Thanksgiving here at the house without me or my kids. She cried to her dad, saying if he doesn't do this he's excluding her and choosing my kids and me over her.

This will be my first holiday with my fiancé, and I was really looking forward to it. We were having friends and family over. But now, because of her request, he wants me to leave for a few hours in the morning.

I'm torn. I feel like her behavior is extremely rude and he shouldn't give in to her, but she said she'll only see him under these conditions. Do I leave my house for a few hours on

Thanksgiving, or tell her she's welcome but the kids and I are staying in our own home?

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**DEAR ABBY:** I'm 17, and a friend of mine who lives out of state, "Jane," has just told me she has dissociative identity disorder (formerly known as multiple personality disorder). I don't know how I should behave around her now because large parts of our history have correlated to her various identities. Some have come onto me, but others seemed to hate me.

Do you know where I can find help for dealing with a person afflicted by this? She doesn't want to tell her psychiatrist, and so far, only I and another friend know about this.

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# Clippers win 6th straight, 119-105 over Timberwolves



**MINNEAPOLIS** (AP)—Blake Griffin had 20 points and 11 rebounds and DeAndre Jordan had 18 points and 16 boards to lead the Los Angeles Clippers to their sixth straight victory, 119-105 over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Saturday night.

Chris Paul had 19 points and eight assists and J.J. Redick scored 18 points for the Clippers (9-1), who have the best record in the NBA. Los Angeles shot 52.6 percent and outscored the Timberwolves 21-10 in transition.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 24 points and 10 rebounds and Ricky Rubio had seven points, six assists and six rebounds in his return from a five-game absence for Minnesota. Andrew Wiggins scored 22 points, but shot just 8 of 24.

The Clippers are off to their best start in franchise history and have so far exhibited all the qualities of a team that can make a deep playoff run. Once a weakness, the bench has been a strength this season. And they entered the game as by far the best defensive team in the league, allowing a paltry 90.4 points per game.

After slugging it out with Oklahoma City on Friday night, Los Angeles put the clamps on the young and athletic Timberwolves, who entered the game with the most explosive first-quarter offense in the league. The Clippers outscored Minnesota 34-21 in the period, holding the Wolves to 39 percent shooting and forcing four turnovers, and they never looked back.

## Spurs 106, Rockets 100

In Houston, Kawhi Leonard scored 20 points to lead San Antonio over Houston.

The Spurs avenged a 101-99 loss to the Rockets in San Antonio on Wednesday night and improved to 5-0 on the

road, where they have outscored opponents by an average of 12.8 points.

James Harden had a triple-double for a second straight game against the Spurs, finishing with 25 points, 13 assists and 11 rebounds, but also added seven costly turnovers. A deep 3-pointer by Eric Gordon cut the lead to four with 2 minutes remaining, but Houston struggled to make stops down the stretch.

Gordon scored 27 points off the bench, going 7 of 12 on 3-pointers.

Houston attempted 47 3s in the game, making 15 (31.9 percent).

## Raptors 118, Knicks 107

In Toronto, DeMar DeRozan scored 33 points, Norman Powell added 19 and Toronto beat New York for the fourth straight time.

DeRozan, the NBA's leading scorer, had his eighth 30-plus-point game in nine starts this season, putting him in an exclusive club. In the last 50 years, Michael Jordan, World B. Free and Tiny Archibald have started a season registering 30-plus points in eight of the first nine games.

Carmelo Anthony had 31 points, while Kristaps Porzingis and Derrick Rose had 21 apiece for New York.

Kyle Lowry, who finished with 16 points, put the Raptors up by four with 1:41 to play on a driving layup, and Lucas Nogueira had two straight blocks on Anthony and then Rose to put Toronto in control.

## Jazz 102, Heat 91

In Miami, Gordon Hayward scored 25 points, Rodney Hood added 17 and Utah handed Miami a fourth consecutive loss.

Rudy Gobert had 12 points and 12 rebounds for Utah, which used a 15-0 run midway through the game to pull away. Shelvin Mack scored 12 for



Utah, while former Heat forward Joe Johnson and Dante Exum each added 10.

Hassan Whiteside had 15 points and 14 rebounds for Miami. James Johnson scored 15 points, Rodney McGruder added 14 and Josh Richardson finished with 12.

Utah was without George Hill (right thumb) and Boris Diaw (right knee) again, then lost Derrick Favors to left knee soreness in the first quarter. But a night after holding Orlando to 74 points, the Jazz limited Miami to 59 through three quarters.

At 2-6, Miami is off to its worst start since 2007-08.

## Celtics 105, Pacers 99

In Indianapolis, Isaiah Thomas scored 23 points, including Boston's final eight, and the Celtics beat Indiana.

Thomas had just four points through 34 minutes, the scored 19 over the final 14 minutes. He hit several clutch shots to keep Indiana at bay and iced the game at the foul line in the final 30 seconds.

Kelly Olynyk scored 16 for the Celtics, playing the first of two straight road games. Amir Johnson had 14 points and nine rebounds, while Avery Bradley had 13 points and five assists.

Jeff Teague led Indiana with 20 points. Myles Turner scored 17 and Monta Ellis had 15 in the Pacers' first home loss of the season.

Indiana played without leading scorer Paul George, who sprained his left ankle in overtime of its 109-105 loss at Philadelphia on Friday.

## Hawks 117, 76ers 96

In Atlanta, Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 20 points, Kent Bazemore added 17 and Atlanta won its fourth straight game.

Dwight Howard, the NBA's active leader in double-doubles, had 10 points and 11 rebounds for the Hawks.

Jahlil Okafor finished with 18 points for the Sixers, who dropped to 1-8 a night after earning their first win.

Despite playing with a depleted roster, Philadelphia kept it close until late, pulling within two with 3:50 left in the third. But Howard's follow dunk gave the Hawks an 84-74 lead and Kyle Korver's 3-pointer on the ensuing possession matched the 10-point advantage in the closing minutes of the period.

## Lakers 126, Pelicans 99

In New Orleans, Jordan Clarkson scored 23 points, Lou Williams added 21, and Los Angeles won for the fifth time in six games, beating New Orleans.

D'Angelo Russell scored 22 and Nick Young added 15 points for the Lakers, who shot 55.3 percent (52 of 94) overall and made 16 of 30 3-pointers.

Anthony Davis scored 34 for New Orleans, but left the game for a pivotal stretch with apparent lower back pain after his layup had cut Los Angeles' lead to 63-62 in the third quarter. Davis went to the locker room and was out of the game for four-plus minutes while the Lakers went on a 14-0 run.

New Orleans never recovered.

Rookie Buddy Hield scored 18 points for the Pelicans.

## Bulls 106, Wizards 95

In Chicago, Jimmy Butler scored 37 points, and Chicago beat short-handed Washington.

Butler did all he could to carry the Bulls on a night when the Wizards were missing star guards John Wall and Bradley Beal.

Butler finished two points shy of his season high. He hit all 14 free throws, grabbed eight rebounds and dished out a season-high nine assists.

Nikola Mirotic added 17 points. Dwyane Wade scored 14. Taj Gibson chipped in with 13 points. The Bulls won back-to-back games for the first time since a 3-0 start, but forward Doug McDermott ex-

Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin (32) tries to save a loose ball but stepped out of bounds in the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Minnesota Timberwolves, Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016, in Minneapolis.

ited with a concussion early in the fourth quarter.

Markieff Morris had a season-high 24 points after scoring 20 the previous night. Marcin Gortat added 18 points and 14 rebounds.

## Bucks 106, Grizzlies 96

In Milwaukee, Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 27 points and Michael Beasley added a season-high 19 to help Milwaukee beat Memphis.

Beasley scored five points during an 11-2 run that gave the Bucks an 86-72 lead with 9:59 to play.

Milwaukee closed the game on a 7-0 run, as Memphis did not score in the last 2:56 of the game.

Marc Gasol finished with 18 points for Memphis before fouling out in the final seconds. Vince Carter added 17 points.

## Pistons 106, Nuggets 95

In Denver, Tobias Harris scored 19 points, Marcus Morris had 17 and Detroit beat Denver for its first road win of the season.

Andre Drummond and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope added 14 points apiece for the Pistons, who also snapped a seven-game losing streak in Denver a week after beating the Nuggets in their first meeting in Detroit.

Emmanuel Mudiay scored 19 points for Denver, which was done in by another slow start after being outscored 36-21 in the first quarter. The Pistons never trailed in the contest.

Danilo Gallinari added 18 points for the Nuggets, who remained winless in three games at home this season.

## Nets 122, Suns 104

In Phoenix, Rondae Hollis-Jefferson scored a career-high 20 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, leading Brooklyn to its first road victory of the season.

The Nets held a 102-100 lead with 4:16 to play but scored the next 17 points, including Brook Lopez's 3-pointer with 1:47 to go to make it 113-100.

Trevor Booker added 19 points and eight rebounds, and Sean Kilpatrick had 19 points and nine boards for the Nets. Joe Harris also scored 19 points.

T.J. Warren scored 18 points for the Suns. Jared Dudley added 17 off the bench and Alex Len scored 11 points to go with 10 rebounds.

## Greg Oden says he'll be remembered as NBA's 'biggest bust'

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** (AP)—Greg Oden says he'll go down as the "biggest bust in NBA history."

The big man tells ESPN that his playing days are over. He says he'd "love to continue playing," but he's not healthy.

The 7-foot-tall Oden was the top pick in the 2007 NBA draft when he went to the Portland Trail Blazers. Golden State Warriors superstar Kevin Durant was picked second.

Oden played just 82 games over five seasons in Portland. He played in 23 games with the Miami Heat during the 2013-2014 campaign.



In this Sept. 30, 2013, file photo, Miami Heat player Greg Oden poses for photos during the team's media day in Miami.

Oden has returned to Ohio taking classes and is a student assistant coach for the Buckeyes.

# Browns coach on 0-10: 'I never could have dreamt this.'



**CLEVELAND** (AP) — The Browns have been bad, really bad, before. They've been inept, overmatched, impossible to watch, horribly, painfully, downright atrocious.

Until now, they'd never been 0-10.

"I never could have dreamt this—ever," first-year coach Hue Jackson said Friday, hours after Cleveland remained winless in 2016 with a nationally televised 28-7 loss at Baltimore. "It's been tough."

It might get tougher.

Trying to win with a roster gutted by a front office eyeing next year's draft and the future has been harder than Jackson imagined. He's doing all he can with the NFL's youngest team, which could soon join the 2008 Detroit Lions as the only 0-16 squads in league history.

The losing is testing Jackson. He's proud and determined, but the losses are taking a toll.

"I am having to coach myself up," he said. "This is different, but at the same time, I get it. I am in it. It is at my feet. I am not going to run from that. I do understand what the issues are and where we are and where we are going to go, but also, it has been tough. I have a good staff who stands behind me. I have an owner who has been unflinching. I have executives in the front office and they get it."

"Are we disappointed for where we are? Yeah, but I think we also understand what we have to do in order to get this changed."

## An array of suggestions to make football better

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Leave it to Josh Norman to speak his mind.

Asked how he thinks the NFL product could be improved, the never-shy, oft-fined Washington Redskins cornerback quickly offered one suggestion: It's time for some turnover at league headquarters.

"Simple: Get the people who are in there out. Whoever's making the rules, just get 'em out. We have a new president; have a new NFL commissioner," Norman said, sitting in front of his locker at the Redskins' practice facility this week.

Then the guy docked more than \$75,000 this season for various reasons—an illegal hit, a bow-and-arrow pantomiming celebration and, most recently, postgame criticism of an official—added wryly: "I hope I don't get fined for that."

With the NFL's TV ratings down this season, it's become a popular parlor game to come up with explanations for the de-



The Browns have dropped 13 straight since last season and will finish 2016 with their 14th double-digit loss season in 18 years.

In a rebounding city that's home to the reigning NBA champion Cavaliers and the AL pennant-winning Indians, who just went to Game 7 of the World Series, the Browns are a civic shame.

Even their dedicated fans are bailing on a franchise that can't seem to get anything right. FirstEnergy Stadium was overrun by Dallas fans last week. It won't be any different when Pittsburgh's Terrible Towel-waving backers make the short drive from Western Pennsylv-

nia on Nov. 20.

While owners Dee and Jimmy Haslam aren't happy, Jackson said they recognize there would be pain in growth.

"We all understand where we are, and it is disappointing," Jackson said on a conference call. "None of us want to be in this situation, and especially for our fans, we do not want that for them and our players, but this is where we are. This is our reality, so we have to fight our way out of it. All I can say to our fans is: hang with us. I have never been through this this way and it is new and different, I don't like it and we have to do something about it."

cline. Also popular: the notion that the quality of the product has decreased. If that's true, how can the game get better?

"It's still a great game. But there's no question there's probably a lot of things that could help the game," said Dan Reeves, who coached four Super Bowl teams after his career as a running back ended.

For one thing, Reeves surmised, rules in the 2011 labor contract that eliminated training camp two-a-days and reduced in-season practicing in pads to protect players might have had the opposite effect.

"It's very difficult to learn how to block and tackle now, so technique-wise, things are not as good as they could be. From a coach's standpoint, it's very difficult to get good at things if you don't practice," he said. "And I personally wonder if injuries are up, because you don't learn how to protect yourself playing at full speed. The only time you really do it now is in a game."

Reeves also offered a the-

ory about the ratings, saying: "You're getting a little overexposure. It's sort of like when you're eating—after a while, you get enough."

Among the various improvements suggested by current and former players during conversations with The Associated Press:

■ Expand rosters, both to account for replacing injured players and perhaps to lessen the likelihood of injury by giving some players more snaps off.

"I would find a way to get three more players on both sides of the ball. Maybe one each for offensive line, running back and quarterback, then add another defensive lineman, another a linebacker and another defensive back," Pro Football Hall of Famer Ronnie Lott said.

■ Make all stadiums have grass fields, to try to lessen injuries. Let defensive players go back to being more physical.

"I understand the league is trying to keep people safe, but I think it's so hands-on that you

"I am very confident that we will."

Jackson defended pulling rookie quarterback Cody Kessler in the second half Thursday and replacing him with Josh McCown. Jackson thought it was a chance to get a win and turned to McCown despite Kessler giving the Browns a 7-6 halftime lead.

Jackson's decision backfired. McCown, under heavy pressure, was intercepted twice and sacked three times. Jackson met Friday with Kessler, who has shown improvement in seven starts.

The quick turnaround from Sunday to Thursday was may-

be more than Kessler could handle, but Jackson wasn't laying the loss on his young QB. "When I look back at it now and had a chance to watch the

can't play as fast as you want to, sometimes. It kind of messes you up, because if you do go all out ... you might end up giving most of your money back from that week in fines for a hit or a certain tackle," New York Jets safety Rontez Miles said.

-Try to rebalance a field tilted in favor of offense.

"If you really, really, really want to see how good receivers are today, eliminate the 5-yard rule, and go back to letting defensive backs play football," said Joe Theismann, who won a Super Bowl as quarterback of the Redskins. "Maybe the wide receivers would have to work again and it would be fair, because right now, it's not."

■ Have more significant consequences for game officials who err.

"A referee could make a bad call and cost a team a game," Redskins defensive lineman Chris Baker said, "and all that's going to happen is they're going to send an apology letter and say, 'I'm sorry.' But nothing actually happens."

Baltimore Ravens wide receiver Mike Wallace (17) tries to break free from Cleveland Browns defensive back Ed Reynolds II on a carry during the second half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016, in Baltimore.

tape, it is an offensive unit issue," he said. "He is the quarterback and he will come back out here and get ready to fight against Pittsburgh."

After facing the Steelers, the Browns' next five games are against the New York Giants, Cincinnati, Buffalo, San Diego and Pittsburgh in the season finale. They have a welcomed bye week in there as well.

Jackson knew wins would be hard to come by in his first season. He wasn't prepared that it would take so long to get one.

"For whatever reason, it hasn't gone the right way for us," he said. "We have not had very many breaks as we have been through the season. That is a huge part of it, but at the same time, I don't think anybody wants to be in the situation we are in today."

## Browns take another loss, this one of historic proportions

**BALTIMORE** (AP)—Getting off to the worst start in franchise history is one thing.

Being historically bad on a grand scale is quite another, and the winless Cleveland Browns now have only six games left to avoid that kind of infamy.

Facing the team that once called Cleveland home, this Browns team stayed competitive for a half before falling 28-7 to the Baltimore Ravens on Thursday night.

That left the Browns at 0-10, their worst start to a season since Cleveland joined the NFL in 1950.

It can't get much worse than that, can it? Well, perhaps. Because the Browns are now staring at one of the most dubious set of numbers in NFL history: 0-16.

The 2008 Detroit Lions are the only team in NFL history that went winless over a 16-game schedule. And now the Browns are hot on their trail.

"The mindset is you have to stay positive," 10-year offensive tackle Joe Thomas said. "We're going to have to try to find a way to get a win here."

It appeared the Browns had a shot in this one after they took a 7-3 lead in the second quarter and were still ahead 7-6 at halftime—despite starting the game with a timeout on the first play from scrimmage because there were 12 men on the field.

The second half was lit-

tered with turnovers and sacks, along with another quarterback change. Josh McCown proved to be even worse than starter Cody Kessler, and the result was another lopsided loss.

Cleveland has gone through six different quarterbacks this season. On this night, neither the starter nor his replacement could put a dent in the Baltimore defense.

"I know I made the statement before about playing musical chairs. I wasn't playing musical chairs today," coach Hue Jackson insisted. "I was trying to give our offense a chance to function at a fast rate. ... That's the decision I thought I needed to make and I made it. I don't regret it at all."

The Browns have made the playoffs only once since the team rebooted in 1995 after the original franchise moved to Baltimore and left the records behind.

This team, however, is the worst of them all.

"It's tough, there's no way around it," McCown said. "When you go through something like this. Nobody expects things to go this way. It can get heavy but the group in there, the way they're fighting and the way they come to work every day, those are the things we can draw on."

It sure would be a lot easier to go to work with a victory to talk about.



# 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series 4

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Saipan International School's Phoenix Gross leads a runner on their way to the finish line of the one-mile race in the Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series 4 held Nov. 5 at the CPA Airport Field.



A mother takes footages of her daughter's race to the finish line.



Whispering Palms' Max Church is about to complete the one-mile race.



Whispering Palms' Dylan Mister is on his way to a first place finish in the boys U11 division.



A runner from San Vicente Elementary School keeps a steady pace on his way to the finish line.



A Mount Carmel School runner smiles as he nears the finish line.



Three runners are in a close race in the elementary school division.



Two runners are a few steps away from completing the one-lap race.

Clippers win  
6th straight,  
119-105 over  
Timberwolves

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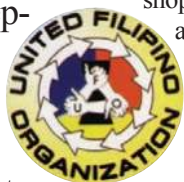
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## Ali'i Blue Haus nears regular season sweep

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Ali'i Blue Haus/Bayani moved two wins away from sweeping the regular season of the 2016 UFO/IT&E Inter-Organizational Basketball League after slipping past Armatech/MDX, 77-73, last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



Ali'i Blue Haus now has a 6-0 record to keep the top spot in the nine-team field and it can retain its perfect mark if it wins over Stephen's Pawnshop/NMBA tomorrow and against Save More/MIFICPA on Nov. 17. Armatech is still winless after three games.

Armatech nearly handed Ali'i Blue Haus its first loss as the former led by as much as 11 in the closing minutes of the third quarter, 61-50. Armatech hung on to the driver's seat in the majority of the fourth canto before committing costly turnovers in the homestretch to fail in its bid to enter the win column.

Ali'i Blue Haus wiped out the double-digit deficit with a 16-6 run in the first seven minutes and change of the fourth frame, 68-67. Junar Guiab capped the surge with his short jumper and six of his teammates contributed in the rally, while Armatech was held to two field goals and two charities.

Jun Alipio gave Armatech its first basket at the 4:49 mark of the final canto and later made the team's other field goal when he picked up the rebound off Martin Moreno's second free throw miss and banked the ball in. Moreno

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Ali'i Blue Haus' Edwin Santos, rights, collides with Armatech's Jerome Malasarte on his way to an and-1 play in the fourth quarter of their game in the UFO caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

### Team CNMI to join 3 events in '17 Mini Games



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The CNMI's Leo Cristobal, running fourth, races in the 1,500m event in the 2016 Micronesian Athletics Championships held in Pohnpei. The Commonwealth will join the athletics competition in the 2017 Pacific Mini Games in Vanuatu.

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Three local sports federations have confirmed their participation in the 2017 Pacific Mini Games in Vanuatu.

Athletics, golf, and rugby 7s, during the Northern Marianas Sports Association meeting early this month at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, announced that they will be sending athletes and officials to the quadrennial competition that will run from Dec. 2 to 14 in Port Vila.

Refaluwasch Golfers Association's Tony Rogolifo said they are bringing four

female and four male par-busters in Vanuatu, while athletics will have four-person team plus a coach, according to Northern Marianas Athletics' Elias Rangamar. Rugby 7s, which is represented by Stanley Iakopo, said they are fielding a team and will also have their officials going to Port Vila late next year. Squads participating in the rugby 7s are allowed to have a maximum of 12 players of their roster.

Other local federations, such as volleyball (beach) have earlier expressed an interest to the Mini Games, but could not commit at this ear-

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## 4 junior tennis players to train in Fiji

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Four CNMI junior tennis players received scholarships from the ITF Training Centre after their notable performance in the regional tournaments this year.

Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association's Jeff Race said siblings Coume and Conatsu Kaga, Ji Min Woo, and Seung Jin Paik have accepted the scholarship offers and will train at the ITF Training Centre in Lautoka, Fiji next year.

The facility in Fiji is one of the only two regional training centers International Tennis Federation operates. The other one is the ITF/CAT Training Centre in Casablanca, Morocco. Both offer excellent tennis facilities, coaching, competition, and schooling.

According to the Fiji facility website, selected players usually stay at



the training center for one month, while stays of more than one month are by invitation only. Race said during the Northern Marianas Sports Association meeting early this month that the four Commonwealth youth players will be at the training center for about a year and they will leave the island in the first quarter of 2017.

While in Fiji, they will stay in the ITF House, attend school, and join a full week's training program, which includes two daily on-court sessions and regular fitness training sessions. Players will also have a chance to gain slots on the ITF regional junior teams that compete in Australia and New Zealand in January and December.

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Conatsu Kaga serves to Malika Miyawaki during a local tournament at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts early this year.